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## Dealer left badly hurt in canister explosion

A SCRAP metal dealer was in a serious condition in hospital following a fire extinguisher exploded and parts of it hit his chest.

The drama unfolded at European Metal Recycling Ltd on Bentley Road South, Darlaston on Monday.

The man, who turned up at the yard to sell scrap metal, used an axe to remove a brass collar from the neck of the cylinder when it shot off and hit him.

Police, fire crews and an ambulance were sent to the scene at around 4pm.

Paramedics had to carry out CPR on the man who suffered a cardiac arrest.

He was taken to Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham, where he was said to be in serious condition at the time of going to press.

Willenhall watch commander Andy Morgan said: "We were called out at 4.11pm.

"A carbon dioxide extinguisher had exploded.

The man had attempted to take a brass fitting off the top with an axe.

"He was a scrap metal dealer dropping off some scrap metal.

"The top of the extinguisher hit his chest. He should have discharged the device first."

An ambulance service spokesman confirmed that the man was "in a very bad way."

## IVF patients given boost

A FERTILITY clinic in Aldridge has introduced a service to improve the chances of IVF patients having babies.

Midland Fertility Services has introduced the service, which captures thousands of pictures of patients' embryos even before any pregnancy occurs. The clinic has invested in two EmbryoScope incubators with built-in cameras, which allow all the details of embryo development to be seen as a time-lapse movie.

This enables the embryologist to identify embryos with abnormal development.

# FREEMAN HONOUR FOR NODDY AGREED



Invite - Noddy Holder

SLADE star Noddy Holder is set to become an honorary freeman of Walsall – with a council chief hailing him as 'Walsall through and through'.

The music legend will be invited to become an honorary freeman of Walsall to celebrate his 'extraordinary contribution' to the town.

The council this week voted unanimously to approach the star – and it is now hoped he will accept. Apart from Three Men In A Boat author Jerome K. Jerome, the honour has been bestowed exclusively on politicians or military regiments since 1975.

The invitation is being made on the 40th anniversary of the release of Merry Xmas Everybody which went to No 1 and stayed in the charts until February 1974.

Walsall Council leader Mike Bird backed the plans and said: "If you cut him in half it would say Walsall through and through."

Councillor Pete Smith, who has led the campaign, said the frontman should be celebrated both for his achievements with the band and his charity ties with the town.

And he called on the council to start preparing for an event to bestow the honour on Noddy. He said: "I am grateful for the support of many people across Walsall, the Black Country and beyond who backed the call to offer this honour to Noddy Holder."

"I now hope that Noddy accepts this offer and I hope that when the time comes, Noddy will come back to Walsall to receive his honour in full view and in the presence of as many Walsall people and Slade supporters as possible. Let's make it a big event."

### Privilege

But some concerns were raised about the £17,000 cost of conferring the honour on the singer. It comes at a time when Walsall Council is looking to save £19 million from its budget. If he accepts, the musician will become only the 21st person to receive the privilege in 109 years.

Councillor Smith argued that the 67-year-old singer had also helped to boost the borough's tourism income through pilgrimages by Slade fans to Holder's former home on the Beechdale estate.

The star was born in Newhall Street in Caldmore and made his first stage appearance at Walsall Labour Club when he sang the Frankie Laine hit I Believe. He attended TP Riley School in Bloxwich and returns periodically to give talks to college students.

But Councillor Ann Young called the timing of the invitation inappropriate when the elderly were struggling to pay heating bills and many tenants faced hikes in rent because of the Government's bedroom tax.

## Growth hope by bosses at HomeServe

BOSSES at Walsall-based insurance group HomeServe have insisted that they expect their business to grow in the coming years despite latest figures showing half-year profits have been almost wiped out.

The firm has been left counting the cost of compensating tens of thousands of customers over mishandled complaints from the winter of 2010.

It has also been hit by a Financial Conduct Authority probe into possible mis-selling of policies. It is tracking down thousands more it says 'may have suffered detriment as a result of the way in which they bought their policy', with cases dating back to 2005.

Bosses have put aside £6m put aside to pay for any fine and other costs from the probe. HomeServe says it expects its UK customer numbers, which have fallen from 2.5 million a year ago, will stabilise at around two million by March. Meanwhile customer complaints over the last six months were down 47 per cent.

Its growth is now coming from its operations overseas, in the USA, France, Spain, Italy and Germany.

Company chairman JM Barry Gibson said: "HomeServe has made a positive start to the financial year and this has given us increased confidence in our ability to deliver our current and medium term plans."

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## Police in knife vow as teens stabbed

POLICE say they are treating knife crime as a priority after three schoolchildren, including a 14-year-old girl in Walsall have been stabbed in separate knife attacks.

The girl was stabbed in the back in Bloxwich, while two boys were attacked in a Smethwick park during a fight.

Officers said eradicating such attacks was a priority and they would take action against anyone carrying a blade. Staff at Bloxwich Leisure Centre raised the alarm when the injured 14-year-old staggered into reception on Friday night.

She has had surgery for her injuries. Police officers cordoned off the centre's car park and tracked the suspect behind the nearby Railway pub 50 minutes later.

A 16-year-old boy, from Leamore in Walsall, was arrested on suspicion of wounding the girl with the intention of causing grievous bodily harm. He has been bailed pending further inquiries.

Meanwhile, two boys aged 14 and 15 have been stabbed in Victoria Park, in Smethwick. They were with friends when they were approached by another group of 10 youths.

One boy suffered a stab wound to his stomach and the other received a deep cut across his hand. Both were taken to hospital for treatment. The attack took place at around 4.30pm on November 3.

## Student gets top accolade

A FORMER Walsall College student has picked up a regional award.

Jessica Hedges who studied her level three certificate in human resource management at the college until July this year, has been named the Black Country Student of the Year 2013 for the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development.

The 21-year-old was presented with her award at the Wolverhampton University Science Park after being nominated by lecturer Kevin Willmore.

## Colin sees soaring Saddlers



Saddlers legend Colin Harrison with the team's mascot Swift at the game on Monday

WALSALL recorded a superb win over Peterborough United on Monday night, watched by two of their all-time greats.

Colin Harrison, who until last year held the club's all-time appearance record, was presented to the crowd during half-time of the game which was broadcast live on Sky Sports.

Harrison still holds the record for the number of league appearances for the club, though his all-time appearance record was surpassed last year by Jimmy Walker, who ironically was in the opposition dugout on Monday night as he is now Peterborough's goalkeeping coach.

It is 50 years ago this week Harrison signed his first professional contract with the Saddlers. He went on to make 529 appearances for the club.

Signed as an amateur in 1961, Harrison made his first appearance in November 1964 against Southend United.

He featured in a number of positions before finally settling at full-back. He said: "I loved my time at Walsall and have no regrets about never having played at a higher level. There are some very special memories from my time at the club."

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## Knife crime issue highlighted

POLICE have taken the fight against knife crime to young people at a youth centre in Walsall. An event was held at Walstead Road West by police to increase awareness of the dangers of carrying knives. The evening began with a discussion around the dangers of knife crime and involved youth worker and reformed gang member Des Hamilton.

There was also the opportunity to explore the issues surrounding knife crime using music and drama. At the end of the evening an action plan was produced for the area aimed at reducing the risk of knife crime.

Pc Alan Poole said: "Events like these are really important."

"It enables the police to listen to the concerns of young people and to find out what drives them to carry knives. The evening was a great success."

The hard-hitting Guns & Knives Take Lives project run by the West Midlands Police's firearms unit was delivered by Pc Rob Pedley to more than 800 pupils at St Thomas Moore School in Willenhall over recent weeks. The presentation featured a moving talk from Marcia Shakespeare, the mother of innocent victim Letisha Shakespeare who was shot dead in 2003 by a gang member.

## Former Hatherton Arms poised to become homes

AN EMPTY pub which sits on a main gateway into Walsall town centre is poised to be converted into homes – the latest in a series of boozers to be lost for redevelopment.

The Hatherton Arms has been earmarked for conversion and an extension to create apartments and flats. Large billboards will also be removed during the regeneration of the site at the corner of Butts Road and Lichfield Street. Members of Walsall Council's planning committee are being recommended to grant permission for the project.

## Fraudster borrowed money to pay dealer

A FRAUDSTER conned a short-term loans company out of more than £3,500 after borrowing money from a 'drug dealer', a court heard. Student and father-of-one Dido Engo, aged 23, set up false accounts at different Money Shop locations using false documents such as pay slips.

He did this five times over a period of 10 months between October 2012 and July 2013. Wolverhampton Crown Court was told. Prosecutor Mr Kevin Jones said that although Engo, from Penkridge Street, Walsall, paid some of the loans back, there is still £3,505.11 outstanding.

Defending barrister Mr Ranjit Sandhu said Engo had been introduced to a third party, described in court as a drug dealer, after he began to get into debt, racking up £6,000 in total.

He said: "He was behind on payments for gas, electricity, rent and other rates, and he needed money."

Mr Sandhu said Engo took full responsibility for the offences. He added: "The defendant will accept what he did was very stupid." Judge Wait sentenced Engo to 200 hours of unpaid work after he pleaded guilty to five offences of fraud at an earlier hearing.

# Homes evacuated again for controlled explosion

RESIDENTS had to be evacuated from their homes for a second time in 24 hours after a controlled explosion at a house in Bloxwich.

It comes after a 47-year-old man was charged with two counts of possessing ammunition, including armour-piercing bullets and 'expanding' ammunition.

Paul Morris appeared at Wolverhampton Magistrates' Court and was remanded in custody. Homes were evacuated and roads closed after military items were discovered at his house in Station Street on Friday night.

Residents were told they could return overnight but warned they would have to leave again on Saturday for a controlled explosion on a detonator.

Mike Chomky, who lives in Station Street, said: "I had to be escorted back to my house on Friday night at around 9.45pm. "It was quite scary because I didn't know what was going on. All I could see were lots of police officers and bomb disposal experts. I thought I might be evacuated the next morning but thankfully I wasn't."

### Temporary

"You don't expect this kind of thing to happen so close to home and especially not right next door to a police station."

A temporary evacuation centre was set up at Bloxwich Leisure Centre in case families needed somewhere to go but no-one took up the offer.

Briggs Ford, spokesman for West Midlands Police, said: "Twelve people were evacuated from their homes as a precaution while bomb disposal teams investigated. They were again moved out on Saturday while a low level detonation was carried out. There was no danger of a military detonator going off unless somebody set it off. This was a precautionary measure."

Four letters of objection have also been received. The new plans face planning committee scrutiny today (Thursday).

## Permanent poppies at park



Admiring the metal poppies on the railings are front, Councillor Paul Bott, with back, Friends of Kings Hill Park group members Jim Wheeler, Irene Senark, and Councillor Chris Bott. The scheme was funded by a £600 park improvement grant

A PERMANENT tribute to fallen soldiers has been unveiled in Darlaston.

The metal poppies have been installed on fencing at Kings Hill Park by councillors and members of Moxley and Dangerfield Action Group. Councillor Paul Bott is behind the scheme, which has been funded by a £600 park improvement grant.

He said: "The poppies have been put on railings as a way of remembering our fallen soldiers. These men paid the ultimate sacrifice and gave their life for the people of Darlaston, so it is only fair that we remember them this way and never forget what they did. I think it is a very fitting tribute and I am proud to be a part of it. I have spent six months working on the project along with Councillor Chris Bott and members of Moxley and Dangerfield Action Group and Friends of Darlaston South Park. We are all very pleased with the outcome and I am sure that local residents will be also."

Mr Bott has also been working to save stained glass windows at an empty nearby church and said he is pleased that they will now be installed in special frames for a display. He said: "The three windows will go in specialist frames with LED lighting and they will commemorate the 28 soldiers who died for their town and country."

## NHS worker recognised

A LEADING officer at a West Midlands NHS trust has been recognised for her commitment to her post during an awards ceremony.

Debbie Cooper, who is the Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust's vulnerable adults and children lead, was a runner-up at the NHS West Midlands Leadership Recognition Awards. She had been shortlisted for NHS Partnership/System leader of the year at the awards.

Judges honoured her for demonstrating a commitment to working to help deliver improvements in health and wellbeing.

## Project backed

A NEW project to support young people leaving care is being backed. Walsall Council is supporting The New Belongings pilot initiative for care leavers, organised through the Care Leavers' Foundation.

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## Centre in openings

NEW stores have signed up for Walsall's Saddlers Shopping Centre, creating new jobs ahead of the festive season.

Bag Factory and Street UK follow in the footsteps of Calendar Club, Ace Clothing and Pound Party. Centre owners Topland has now completed 25 deals since purchasing the Saddlers earlier this year.

The company has also refurbished the toilets and car parkoyer.

It comes after the car park had a major overhaul last year and the toilet refurbishment. Steve Pope, asset director, said: "The whole area has been lightened and brightened just in time for Christmas."

## Pupils get letters back

LETTERS written by serving soldiers have been sent to pupils at a secondary school. A group of Year 11 boys from Shire Oak Academy in Walsall Wood wrote to troops in Afghanistan.

It was after they had read and studied the First World War novel Private Peaceful by author Michael Morpurgo. The boys wrote about what they had learned about war from the book and asked the soldiers about their experiences of war.

Shire Oak's press officer, Ashley Straw, said the boys were 'thrilled' to get a reply. "Each boy received their own personalised letter from a serving soldier in Kabul."

## Cycling views call by bosses

PEOPLE are being asked for their views on plans which outline the future of cycling across the region.

Transport bosses at Centro have worked with the West Midlands' seven local authorities to draw up its draft Cycle Charter.

Views on the charter must be submitted by December 20. For more details, people should go to [networkwestmidlands.com/Cycling/CycleCharter.aspx](http://networkwestmidlands.com/Cycling/CycleCharter.aspx)

## DIY lessons

TENANTS from a housing organisation in Walsall have been taught basic decorating skills after an introductory session. The eight Caldmore Accord residents were given an introduction to the world of DIY at Walsall College's Green Lane Campus. Students also helped out at a basic painting workshop.

# Industrial site takeover plans from college

A COLLEGE is to take over and transform a vacant industrial site for educational use under expansion plans, it has emerged.

Walsall College is to use the building in Portland Street to increase facilities for students close to the main Wisemore campus.

It comes after it was recently revealed an £11 million sports and business hub is also planned within the next two years in Littleton Street.

The latest application for the conversion of accommodation in Portland Street to create workshops and for other educational

use has been approved by Walsall Council. Firm plans for the best use of the site can now be established by college bosses.

Deb Rajania, director of operations and resources, said: "The site at Portland Street has been acquired by Walsall College for educational purposes and it will help us make best use of our main Wisemore campus facilities."

The current site has warehouse, office and storage areas.

The application put forward by the college states the site would 'benefit from the improvements that will result from the new use'.

"The site is in an area of older industrial properties half a mile or so to the north of Walsall town centre. It is an area suited to the educational use proposed, particularly with the main college campus nearby," it says.

It comes as the college, which opened its doors in 2009 as part of a land swap which saw Tesco open on the old campus site, is looking to expand.

The state-of-the-art sports and business hub has been earmarked next to the main £64m Wisemore site, in Littleton Street.

Work on the centre, on the site of the old Lime House which was once used as a den-

tists surgery and council offices, is set to start next summer. It is aimed to be completed by September 2015 and the project will create around 250 jobs.

The college's governing body has approved plans for the hub which will include a business incubation centre to provide support and mentoring for entrepreneurs.

The sports element of the campus will feature a hall with badminton courts, dance and fitness studios along with a training and injury clinic and spa facilities. Walsall Council has agreed for the college to have the land for the ambitious project.

## NEWS

### in brief

#### Youngsters on road to a career

TWO youngsters have won apprenticeships with a leading materials group.

Guy Tooth, aged 21, and Daniel Keats, 20, both from Walsall, saw off tough competition and completed an intensive four-week trial to secure two-year apprenticeships with the Lafarge Tarmac.

The duo will be trained at Central Construction Training in Norton Canes, as well as receiving ongoing expert guidance and tuition on highways maintenance work from Lafarge Tarmac. They will join the highways maintenance team providing services to Walsall Council.

#### Microchipping for pets in park

DOG owners can take their pets to a park where they can be microchipped for free tomorrow (Friday).

The Dogs Trust will be set up from 1pm to 4pm outside the pavilion at Red House Park in Great Barr.

Council wardens will also be on hand to give advice about responsible dog ownership.

There is no need to book. For details, contact event organiser David Fisher on 07775 966790.

#### Delving into the archives service

WALSALL'S archives service is taking part in the national Explore Your Archive Campaign.

People will be able to learn about some of the documents held at Walsall Local History Centre in Essex Street.

There will also be open days with tours on December 4 from 5.30 to 7pm and December 7 from 10am to 1pm. Log on to [www.exploreyourarchive.co.uk](http://www.exploreyourarchive.co.uk)

#### Affray accused appears in court

A MAN has appeared in court over allegations of affray and assault.

Gurinderjit Singh, aged 21, of Hawes Road, Walsall, is accused of offences in Bedworth in August.

He appeared at Nuneaton Magistrates' Court and was granted bail to appear at Warwick Crown Court on March 4.

#### Dreams boost

A MARKET and fete will be held to help raise money for Promise Dreams at Pool Hayes Arts and Community School, Castle Drive, Willenhall, on December 7, from 10am to 4pm.

# Beds crisis fears for fewer patients getting right care

## Hay! it's tin man Worzel at care home



Care home cleaner Pauline Pegg and Chef Matt Leek dress as Aunt Sally and Worzel Gummidge to collect tins of food

RESIDENTS at a care home enjoyed a day of nostalgic fun when they were paid a visit by 1980s children's TV character Worzel Gummidge.

The scarecrow, alias chef Matt Leek, was brought to life at Lakeview Care Home in Great Wyrley, along with his sweetheart Aunt Sally, aka cleaner Pauline Pegg, to celebrate the late autumn harvest.

The pair who work at the home in Stafford Road chatted to the residents about their past experiences and helped to promote the home's latest collection of tin food in aid of charity.

Worzel Gummidge, made famous by former Doctor Who actor Jon Pertwee, was a walking, talking, scarecrow. He had different heads that allowed him to carry out various acts, such as singing, dancing and thinking.

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## THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



I WROTE recently about Arthur Wynne who invented the crossword puzzle 100 years ago. My thanks to all of you who have written to let me know his plot in the cemetery is 4 across and 6 down.

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IF A Conservative MP had dared utter the remarks made by David Blunkett about Roma gypsies, he would have vanished under howls of disapproval and dark mutterings about Enoch Powell and "Rivers of Blood." But Blunkett is, as they say, sound. Blind from birth, he's an Old Labour son of toil, popular on both sides of the House. Blunkett warns that cultural tensions between Roma and local people could "implode" into a re-run of the 2001 race riots in northern towns. The former home secretary may be right. Britain has a brilliant record of assimilating different cultures but it's a process that works best when people arrive gradually. In 2011 the Government announced there were "relatively few" Roma citizens in the UK. Two weeks ago it was revealed that 200,000 have settled. How the hell did that happen?

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NEITHER the Royal Commission nor the Press's own regulator will do anything about one of the most offensive forms of journalism. You know the sort of thing. The Duchess of Cambridge appears in public with a hair or two out of place. The poison-penned bitches of Fleet Street pile in like vultures on a cadaver, sneering at "frayed at the edges" Kate. The great unfairness is that Kate, and celebrities like her, are snapped a thousand times a day and are expected to look perfect in every shot. Female columnists, on the other hand, hide behind a single byline photograph, usually taken with a soft-focus lens some years ago under studio conditions after a full facial and hairdo. I recall meeting one of Fleet Street's sharper-penned ladies, face to face. I have seen better-preserved objects dragged out of pyramids. Don't let them get you down, Kate.

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MY PERFECT Christmas? Ant and Dec bite the head and limbs off that irritating Morrisons tap-dancing gingerbread man. The John Lewis bear runs out of toilet paper and uses the lovable hare instead. The warm-hearted Boots hoodie-kid is banged up until February for shoplifting. A month to go and I'm already all humbugged out.

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THANKS to I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue (Radio 4) for this medical definition. Colonnade: a fizzy enema.

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WHILE all attention is focused on gas and electricity bills, the charity Money Advice Trust reports a shocking rise in the number of families with serious mobile-phone debts, caused largely by expensive contracts for smartphones. It reports that an average family of four can easily face bills of £140 a month – more than their total energy bills. That's what happens when a novelty comes to be regarded as an essential.

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WHILE the HS2 saga rumbles noisily on it is reported that, thanks to new materials and technology, Henry Ford's elusive dream of a flying car could become reality in the next decade. This week comes news that driverless cars are to be used to ferry people around Milton Keynes on designated pathways. In California, plans have been unveiled for a 'Hyperloop' transportation system capable of carrying passenger pods through pressurised tubes at 800mph. Look forward 15 years to 2028 and we could see safe, high-speed convoys of driverless lorries and cars on our motorways, 1,000mph tube trains in the States, and executives whizzing into city centres in their airborne limousines. That is about the time that HS2, the clanking, howling, horrendously expensive Victorian solution to England's transport problems, is supposed to start running. HS2 is unwanted now. It will be obsolete then.

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**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

## Pupils' dinner choices may be chopped

WHEN it comes to their lunches, primary school pupils in Walsall can take their pick from an array of tempting dishes including roast dinners, chicken wraps or lasagne.

But soon their dining choices may be cut back to help cut costs. The standard price paid by families is £1.90 per meal but council chiefs are looking at reducing this down to £1.

They want to encourage more parents to take up the meals but

admit the choice of food on offer would have to be cut.

A pilot scheme is set to be launched in the coming months to gauge the level of support.

The most recent figures collected show 86 per cent of pupils eligible for free school meals were taking up the offer. And about 25 per cent of children have a paid-for meal every day.

A report to an upcoming council scrutiny panel meeting reveals that

a completely free meals service would cost £12 million a year, which the authority cannot afford when it is facing making £19 million of cuts.

Making meals £1 would cost £8 million a year, so the shortfall would have to be made up by cutting the range of food. The report adds: "With the challenges of the council's medium term financial plan already being a major concern, such additional costs would be impossible to

meet unless large additional savings were made elsewhere in the council.

"During National School Meals Week earlier this month some schools agreed to serve meals to their children for £1 a meal as an added incentive. It is worthwhile to note that the Deputy Prime Minister announced that from September 2014 all children in Key Stage 1 (reception years one and two) will be offered a free lunchtime meal."

## Petition on future of pool is launched

AN ONLINE petition has been launched to save a council-run swimming pool from closure.

The future of Beeches Pool in Great Barr is hanging in the balance amid local authority cuts.

A group of users from the Save Beeches Pool campaign group hope to get more than 10,000 signatures added to their latest e-petition, which would force Birmingham City Council, which runs the leisure centre, to scrutinise any decision on its future.

The swimming pool in Beeches Road is used by people from the neighbouring areas of Sandwell and Walsall. Last year a campaign was set up to save it after council bosses announced they would be closing a number of pools.

An all-party agreement between councillors in the area agreed the pool would not close. But now Perry Barr Councillor Karen Hamilton has revealed that it may still be shut down.

She is leading the campaign with fellow Councillor Jon Hunt, to keep the pool open and they both aim to present the petition to the council at its next meeting on December 3.

## Collapse led to death at 74

A MAN died after suffering a heart attack at his home, an inquest heard.

Christopher Edward Handley, aged 74, was rushed to New Cross Hospital after collapsing at his house in Willenhall on May 31. An inquest at Smethwick Council House heard doctors were unable to determine the cause of death.

A post mortem examination revealed Mr Handley had an enlarged heart and severe atherosclerosis, with doctors citing the likely cause of death as congestive cardiac arrest. Black Country Senior Coroner Black Balmair concluded he died of natural causes.

## Otway on way

PUNK star John Otway has announced a show in the region as part of his latest tour. Otway earned a loyal following in the 1970s and a movie on his life – funded by Otway fans – was released last year. The cult singer will appear at the Robin 2 Club in Bilton on December 5.

## Wife of attacked fan says jail is 'good result'

THE WIFE of a football fan whose jaw was broken by Walsall FC supporters said a two-year jail sentence handed to the thug who kicked him in the head was a 'good result for justice'.

Up to 10 men attacked 56-year-old Portsmouth fan Andrew Collins as his horrified wife Jo looked on at Walsall railway station.

The victim, who was set upon after trying to retrieve his wife's hat from the thugs, required surgery to fit metal plates to reset his jaw as a result of his injuries.

Violence erupted following Walsall's 2-0 victory at the Banks's Stadium on January 4. Peter Harvey, aged 35, of Hollands Road, Blakenall, was given two years in prison for grievous bodily harm. He also received 12 months for one count of affray, to run concurrently. He had admitted both charges.

Co-defendants Scott Forrester, aged 25, of Cartbridge Crescent, Coalpool also Walsall, and Christopher Genders, aged 21, of Cemetery Road, Willenhall, each admitted an offence of affray. Both received 12 month jail terms, suspended for two years.

Mrs Collins said this week: "We are very pleased with the outcome. We are still looking forward to a return visit." The assault on the retired chartered surveyor from

by Simon Stone

Addlestone, in Surrey, happened at about 10.15pm as supporters left the game.

During the court case, Miss Sati Ruck, prosecuting, told the court Mr Collins and his 61-year-old wife, and the defendants had been on a train from Bescot and all alighted at Walsall.

She said that a man grabbed Mrs Collins' hat and ran off. Mr Collins chased and took hold of him and demanded the hat back. Then Harvey grabbed Mr Collins, threw him against a wall, and eight or nine males attacked him. Harvey punched Mr Collins in the face with force and kicked him in the head.

Miss Ruck said a witness, Robert Tomkins, described how Mr Collins was 'being kicked like a football'.

Mr John Evans, defending Harvey, said: "He has shown genuine remorse for what happened to the victim." All three men were banned from attending any football match in the UK, Harvey for six years, and Forrester and Genders for four.

## Rock Dog tribute to son, 37



Janet Lee and a copy of Saturday Rock Dog, written in tribute to son Paul, who died

A MOTHER who lost her son to leukaemia has immortalised his memory in print by writing a book and naming a character after him.

Paul Lee-Davis was just 37 when he lost his battle with the disease in November 2011.

Mother Janet Lee, a creative writing tutor from Norton Canes, penned a comic escapade called Saturday Rock Dog as a tribute to the music lover.

The kitchen fitter from Willenhall had never suffered health problems before his diagnosis in 2009.

He was treated in the haematology ward at New Cross Hospital for two years. Mrs Lee, aged 61, said: "Paul would have

approved of the book because he was so funny. He had a quick wit and a naughty sense of humour."

The book tells the story of a dog called Cuch who is rescued by a family of rock music lovers – and starts dancing and head-banging along to the likes of Iron Maiden. Mrs Lee based the central character of Lucas on her son and gave another character her name.

Patients

The book is available via download from apexpublishing.co.uk or Amazon.

A 'fun fund' set up in Paul's name has raised £20,000 to provide treats for young adult patients on the haematology ward. For details visit [www.pldfunfund.org.uk](http://www.pldfunfund.org.uk)

## Unsung heroes' night

THE annual awards night to recognise unsung heroes in the Black Country is just one day away. The Walsall Civic Awards take place at the Banks's Stadium tomorrow (Friday). They aim to recognise the tireless work of people within the community and celebrate their contribution to making Walsall a better place.

The Mayor of Walsall Mohammad Nazir said: "The Mayor and I want to take this opportunity to thank all the companies who have so generously sponsored the event."

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## Fall led to death of woman, 91

AN ELDERLY woman died following a fall in which she fractured her leg, an inquest heard.

Hilda Collins was found on the floor at her home in Green Lane, Walsall, by son Graham, Smethwick Coroner's Court was told.

The 91-year-old widow was admitted to Walsall Manor Hospital where they found a fracture to the left femur bone in her thigh, for which she underwent surgery.

Coroners officer Margaret Collins told the inquest: "They assessed her for an operation and her family were aware of the risks involved because of her cardiac history. They have no concerns over the hospital."

She died on October 28 this year while in hospital. Medical cause of death was given as left ventricle failure, myocardial ischaemia with coronary artery atheroma. Coroner Robin Balmain concluded death was due to an accident.

## Health stop for shoppers

MORE than 600 shoppers stopped to hear about plans to improve health services at an NHS pop-up shop.

It was set up at the Saddlers Centre in Walsall over two days by the Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). The aim was to talk to residents about the CCG's priorities for the year ahead and how it is working with partners, including Walsall Manor Hospital.

Around 320 people had free health MOTs, in which their blood pressure, height, weight and body mass index were measured. Health professionals also advised shoppers on healthy eating and services such as NHS 111.

## Main route will be closed down

A MAIN route between Pelsall and Brownhills will remain closed until next week for road improvement works.

Wolverhampton Road will be shut between Norton Road and Wood Lane so the carriageway can be resurfaced. Work which started last week, will be carried out between 7pm and 6am until November 26 in a bid to minimise disruption.

There is a £700,000 project to improve pothole-ridden routes in Pelsall as part of agreed council plans.

## Plans in pipeline for hall's transformation



The dilapidated historic Great Barr Hall

A HISTORIC listed building will be transformed into a hotel and conference centre under new plans finally submitted after years in the pipeline.

Great Barr Hall, which has stood empty on the Walsall and Sandwell border since 1978, is to be brought back to life under the plans.

A planning application has been submitted to turn the landmark site into a hotel, restaurant, conference venue and 58 homes. The main hall will become a hotel, while homes will be built in the surrounding grounds.

New owners BCG Lakes have held weeks of consultations with members of the public and

a 30-point masterplan setting out options for the site was compiled. The development would also include a new Gatehouse Lodge on Sutton Drive and Netherhall Park.

Other features would see a maintenance building created to store site equipment, open space retained and nature conservation enhanced, an acoustic barrier and planting of tree beech together with a new path, restoration of terraced lawns to the hall leading to the lake, a new boat house and the demolition and clearance of farm buildings in open land and by the lake.

As it is a major development, an interim planning application has been made and, if

approved, the final plans can then be put in. Walsall Council regeneration chief Adrian Andrew said: "This issue has been going on for the best part of 40 years with the hall and surrounding land."

"The new owners will invest a significant amount of money and they have engaged with the local community, so I hope people will approach this with an open mind as this is the most realistic plan for the site for many years."

Questionnaires revealed more than 75 per cent of people rejected the idea of demolishing the hall and replacing it with a modern glass building.

## NEWS

### in brief

#### No charges on bedsit plunge

POLICE have completed an investigation into a man's death from a first floor window in Walsall and will not bring any charges.

He was found with a fractured skull outside Happy Times, Stafford Street, amid reports he had plummeted from a bedsit window. He was discovered on November 4. A 43-year-old arrested on suspicion of assault was released without charge. West Midlands Police spokeswoman Deb Edmonds confirmed the circumstances were not being treated as suspicious.

#### Breakfast for social workers

A RECRUITMENT drive for children's social workers will continue with a breakfast briefing on Monday at Walsall Council House from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Qualified social workers are being sought for Walsall Children's Services.

It came under fire from Ofsted last year but improvements have been carried out with more permanent workers being taken on to cut the need for agency staff.

#### Hygiene appeal to cut sickness

FAMILIES are being urged to try to avoid spreading any winter bugs such as norovirus.

Walsall public health chief Councillor Zahid Ali, who made the appeal said: "Good hygiene can help prevent the virus from spreading so washing your hands regularly and thoroughly with soap and water is a simple but effective precaution."

#### Birthday party for charity shop

A CHARITY shop marked its fifth birthday with a celebration and cake. St Giles Hospice launched its outlet in Union Street, Walsall, in 2008.

Head of retail Lynwen Truesdale said: "We're delighted to mark this occasion with a celebration, and look forward to welcoming shoppers for many more years."

#### Festive fair date

A CHRISTMAS fair with tombola, crafts and cakes is being held at Walsall Wood Methodist Church, Lichfield Road, Walsall Wood. The event is being held on November 30 and starts at midday. Admission is 20p.

# Drunk woman, 38, made hoax bomb call at station

A WOMAN who made a hoax claim about a bomb in a busy town centre bus station while drunk has been handed a jail term.

Marie Booth was drunk at the time she made the false claim after pressing an emergency button at Walsall bus station. Transport bosses who were monitoring CCTV avoided a mass evacuation of the station as they could see Booth was intoxicated.

The 38-year-old, who is serving a three month prison sentence for an unrelated offence, was given a further eight weeks imprisonment by magistrates.

Miss Maggie Meakin, prosecuting, said Booth had been caught on CCTV while she was with a group on October 27. She was in a 'drunk state' and was seen pressing the button to Centro at St Paul's station. When someone answered she said there was a bomb.

#### Memory

Walsall Magistrates Court heard, when interviewed by police, Booth said she could not remember. She said she had an alcohol problem.

Miss Meakin said: "She couldn't recall the incident in any way but accepted she was at that location." Booth pleaded guilty to communicating false information relating to a bomb hoax.

Miss Stephanie Brownles, defending, said Booth was alcohol dependent and had been struggling with the problem for many years. The court heard Booth also had mental health issues.

Booth, of Park Road, Netherton, Dudley, had eight weeks added to a three month jail term from Wolverhampton Magistrates Court for an unrelated offence. She appeared via video link.

## Pupils box clever to help less fortunate



From back left, Priya Boparai, aged 13, Fatima Miah, 13, Simranjit Padda, 14, Emma Joyce, 11, Serina Doug, 14, Olivia Griffiths, 11 and Hannah Watts, 14, with their collection for Operation Christmas Child at Queen Mary's School

KIND-HEARTED pupils have helped fill hundreds of shoeboxes with goods for disadvantaged children.

Booth, of Park Road, Netherton, Dudley, had eight weeks added to a three month jail term from Wolverhampton Magistrates Court for an unrelated offence. She appeared via video link.

Together the pupils, parents and staff have collected the likes of station-

ary, games, scarves, toiletries and hats. before half-term. We have broken our record again this year and I am really pleased.

Eastern Europe by the Samaritan's Purse International.

The pupils who took part in the appeal at the school in Upper Forster Street were aged between 11 and 18.

Operation Christmas Child reached a milestone of delivering over 100 million gift-filled shoeboxes in 23 years said: "We started the appeal the week

for what they have got in life and how lucky they are compared to people worse off."

Science teacher Steven Hensley, helped to co-ordinate the initiative. He

reached

25 million gift-filled shoeboxes in 2012.

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## LETTERS

# Misdirected schemes on public health

TRANSFERRING public health from the NHS to Walsall Council was always going to be a challenge, not only for the respective organisations but for the staff and local people who use the services.

Six months into Walsall Council's control of public health a great deal has been achieved.

The Health and Wellbeing Board has agreed a purposeful action plan and

become data rich with information about health inequalities across Walsall.

However, several misfires, and missed opportunities have raised doubts about the delivery and priorities being implemented.

How do we tackle life expectancy for 40 year old males, with Zumba dancing? How does chirotherapy by GPs tackle teenage pregnancy levels?

**COUNCILLOR DOUG JAMES**  
Walsall

## Maintaining HS2 dismay

WE ARE right to cast doubt on the latest Government report deriding a cheaper alternative to HS2. They say the alternative will take 14 years – well how long will HS2 take, since it is due to start in 2017 and runs for the next 10 years?

The final cost of either plan is not known and guess-work is being used. For example the cost of HS2 was increased just this year, from £32 to £42 billion, so why was the original estimate so wrong?

Like many other communities I am keen to see improvement in our rail service, but £42bn an expensive option, in order to save 15 minutes on a journey from London to Birmingham. The 15 minutes saving can easily be lost getting from the station concourse to a taxi.

**H WILLITS**  
Bosty Lane, Walsall

## Management not working

I DID attend one of the 'have your say meetings' to discuss how to cut £100 million from the budget over five years, to be told how hard our councillors are all working.

Then I read of another one of our primary schools failing, again, not for the first time. This used to be called fire-fighting management – wait for the blaze before taking action. Surely management's job is to plan ahead and supervise.

Those children will be affected by the poor education for the rest of their lives. Cutting costs? We pensioners have been doing that for years – what about the £50,000 spent on a new car for the Mayor? I recall that famous quote from a senior Conservative: "Get on your bike."

**RAY HAMMOND**,  
Alexandra Way, Aldridge

## Bus is no boost for traders

I FIND the letter from Councillor Doug James, 'Bus route is a real boost' to be hypocritical. Well who is it a boost for? Certainly not the traders in Walsall borough, employing a bus route directly to Merry Hill and Dudley markets. The 310 service will only kill off what was a once thriving town.

Perhaps if Walsall councillors used our vast open spaces to build a Merry Hill-type of complex to attract shoppers in our own borough, we would not have to resort to employ bus companies to export our loyal shoppers.

**A PARKER**, Willenhall

# Fireworks morons are breaking law and peace

CAN someone explain to the selfish morons who have fireworks parties at 11.45pm on a Sunday night that they are breaking the law, disturbing the peace and getting on my nerves.

Quite who these people think they are, and quite where they imagine they have a right to set off air-bombs, rockets and the like at midnight defies all rational explanation.

I'm all in favour of marking Guy Fawkes' night and the celebration of Diwali, or whatever, but I draw the line at having to endure three weeks of incessant fireworks at all times of the day. It just illustrates the warped mentality of some folk. Talk about having more money than sense.

**J BENTON**, Moxley

## Bin disappointed with advice

ISN'T IT strange how rules can be changed to suit the situation? I refer to Walsall MBC and its recycling programme. Green bins were issued with full instructions for the type of items which must be put into this receptacle. These rules have been followed in my household to the letter.

However, on Friday, November 1, this bin was not emptied. I rang the council early on Friday afternoon to report this omission. The advice I was given made me wonder why we are asked to recycle, and why we bother to sort and wash bottles and tins. I was told to put my recycling items into the ordinary household waste bin until the next collection of the recycling, which is in two weeks' time.

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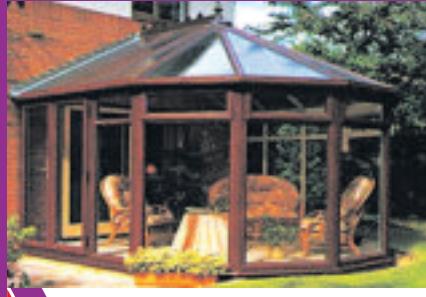


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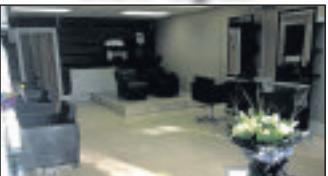
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# Denise kicks in to help unveil new judo centre



Denise Lewis talks to young athletes as she opens the British Judo Centre of Excellence at the Walsall campus

OLYMPIC gold medallist Denise Lewis unveiled a new £1 million judo Centre of Excellence in Walsall, hailing the development as a 'massive boost' to the sport in this country.

The facility at the University of Wolverhampton's Walsall campus on Gorway Road features a 1,000 sq ft dojo, a state of the art gymnasium and accommodation for 28 athletes.

It was funded by the university, who donated the former sports hall and a lecture theatre and also paid for renovation works.

Denise, who bagged gold in the heptathlon at the 2000 Sydney Olympics, said the new facilities could provide the key to unearth the region's first Olympic judo champion. "There are so many factors that come into play when it comes to winning a gold medal at the Olympics," she said. "Of course the

talent has to be there but you can't get to the top on ability alone."

Denise, who was born in West Bromwich and grew up in Wolverhampton, said her own rise to glory came after a change of routine in the wake of her bronze medal at the Atlanta Olympics in 1996. After Atlanta I knew I had to change things around. I started living and training under the same roof which helped me to have a more professional outlook."

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## Christmas makes its Mark with switch-on



Walsall's Mark Rhodes, right, is the compere at the lights switch-on with Lauren Wright, Union J and Rylan Clark. THE FESTIVE shopping season kicked off in style when thousands turned out to see X Factor favourites Union J and Rylan Clark at Merry Hill's Christmas lights switch-on.

Screaming crowds gathered to see the shopping centre's official Christmas lights switch-on and watch the singers perform on stage.

The event was hosted by former Pop Idol contestants turned TV and radio presenters Sam Nixon and Darlaston's Mark Rhodes.

## Racial abuse driver claimed he was undercover officer

A DRIVER claiming to be an undercover police officer flew into a rage, hurling a stream of racist abuse at a man before swerving his car towards him and his wife, a court heard.

Stephen Lawlor was given a suspended jail term after he admitted dangerous driving and racially aggravated harassment.

Magistrates were told Lawlor, of Glebe Street, Walsall, got into an argument with Dheraj Muman as the pair were driving towards PC World in Wednesbury. Mr Mark Cooper, prose-

cuted, said "This incident occurred at 10pm on May 10. The two drivers are both driving towards PC World."

"There seems to be an altercation about the manner in which they were driving."

"The complainant said 'what are you doing following that car?' and the defendant responded 'I'm an undercover police officer'."

Mr Cooper said Lawlor then launched a torrent of racial abuse and drove his Ford Fiesta towards Mr Muman and his wife at the store car park on Axletree Way, Wednesbury.

Mr Muman filmed Lawlor's driving on his phone. His actions were also caught on the store's CCTV.

Lawlor, aged 59, was later charged

with dangerous driving and racially aggravated harassment which he pleaded guilty to.

Mr David Nash, defending, said Lawlor accepted what he had done, but claimed he was usually a man who helped others.

Lawlor was given 90 days imprisonment for the dangerous driving and 30 for the racial abuse, suspended for 12 months.

He was also made subject to a curfew between the hours of 11pm and 7am and made to pay £200 in costs, £200 compensation to Mr Muman and a victim surcharge of £80.

An interim driving disqualification made at an earlier hearing was extended to 18 months.

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# Jail for pair after victim was left with broken jaw

TWO men have been jailed after a man was left with a broken jaw following an alcohol fuelled fight at Walsall bus station.

Leigh Hallett, aged 33, and Carl Roberts, 29, chased a group of men through the town centre before delivering numerous blows as their victims lay on the ground.

CTTV footage played to Wolverhampton Crown Court showed Hallett and Roberts at first walking away from three hooded men provoking them.

Shortly after, the pictures showed Hallett and Roberts chasing the group before catching up with them.

Mr Bernard Linneman, prosecuting, said: "They set off towards the bus station and Mr Hallett attacked Amad Ali, the person who had his jaw broken. He was knocked to the ground by Mr Hallett and Mr Roberts has stamped or kicked Mr Ali while he was on the ground. Mr Hallett punched him (Mr Ali) a number of times. Mr Amir Khan was punched by Mr Roberts."

Two members of the public were then seen to intervene and the defendants were arrested. Police described the men as being drunk. The court was told Hallett, a father of two, had previous convictions for common assault.

His barrister Mr Harry Bowyer, said: "He's a man who is self-employed as a floorer. He has two children who he keeps in contact with." Mr Michael Garnett, for Roberts, said: "He had already described that he completely lost himself and to use his words he 'saw red'."

Hallett, of Cherrywood Road, Streetly, admitted wounding and assault occasioning actual bodily harm.

He was jailed for 16 months. Roberts, of Crowsberry Close, Brownhills, admitted wounding assault occasioning actual bodily harm and possession of a class A substance. He was jailed for 34 months.

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## NEWS

### Mervin's a key player



A CONCERT has taken place to mark the 110th anniversary of an historic town hall organ. Septuagenarian Mervin Jones, pictured, played the iconic instrument and was joined by Cannock Chase Orpheus Male Choir at the performance in Darlaston Town Hall last Thursday. The Slater family gave the town hall's organ as a gift to the people of Darlaston in 1903. It was unplayable when Mr Jones discovered it behind a curtain in 1996 but has since been refurbished. A new group has launched a campaign to see more activities staged at the venue.

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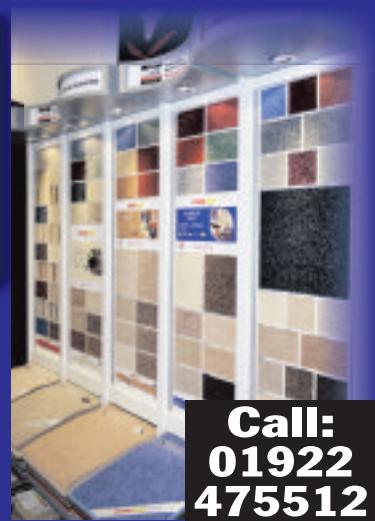
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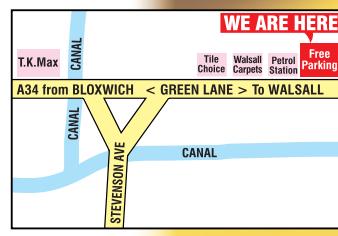
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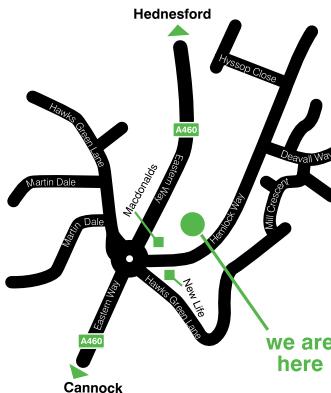
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### NEWS

## Sign spells trouble



Councillor Kath Phillips with the misspelt sign on Long Road

HALLOWEEN may have been and gone - but a spelling blunder is giving commuters along a busy road a spooky feeling. Rail bosses have come under fire after signs diverting drivers away from major works at a railway bridge got the name of the town wrong.

Contractors for Network Rail placed a sign in Bloxwich, spelling the name of the town as 'Bloxwitch'.

The sign in Long Lane has prompted anger from locals but Network Rail has vowed to correct the signage.

Bloxwich West councillor Fred Westley said the signage was an 'embarrassment'. He said: "This sort of thing is not acceptable and will rightly anger the local people."

Bloxwich East councillor Kath Phillips added: "Bloxwich is an old town and you don't expect people to get its spelling wrong. There have been a lot grumbling about it in the town and a lot of people are not happy at all."

Network Rail spokesman Ben Herbert apologised for the error. He said: "We are sorry if this has caused offence to the people of Bloxwich and will be taking immediate steps to rectify the signage and correct the spelling."

The diversion is in place as part of work on a £3 million replacement rail bridge in Broad Lane.

## Rebuild for leisure sites may start by next spring

FINAL plans for a £15 million pound rebuild of outdated leisure centres are expected to go before council chiefs early next year paving the way for work to begin by spring.

by Craig Hughes

Bloxwich will get a six-lane 25-metre pool under the plans and councillor Pete Smith said it will be a big boost for people in the area. It will provide a modern centre for people in the surrounding Bloxwich and Blakenall wards.

"I am very pleased that we are going to get one of the two multi-million pound leisure centre projects," he said. "Considering we are in a climate of doom and gloom, it is really good news."

"If you look at all the health indicators these days there is a lot of talk about prevention rather than cure. Exercise and diet and leisure centres play a part in that."

The launch of construction will be subject to the council setting capital and revenue budgets. Plans for the new Oak Park centre in Lichfield Road, Walsall Wood, include an eight-lane swimming pool.

## NEWS

# Have-a-go hero receives award for tackling thief

by Craig Hughes

WHEN have-a-go hero Anthony Simpson wrestled a robber to the ground the brazen thief offered him £1,500 to let him go.

Some people may have considered pocketing the cash, but Mr Simpson was not tempted for a moment.

He had chased Gurnail Dulai and pinned him down after he was seen snatching a worshipper's handbag at a Sikh temple in Walsall.

Mr Simpson ignored his pleas to split the £3,000 contents of the bag and was determined to call the police.

Dulai eventually struggled free – but not before Mr Simpson had prised the cash from his grasp.

**Justice**

The security consultant, of Handsworth Wood, Birmingham, has been honoured for his actions by police.

Police say he 'helped ensure justice was done'.

Detectives found blood droplets at the scene which, after forensics analysis, returned a DNA 'hit' pointing to Dulai, of no fixed address.

Police caught up with him the following month when his car was stopped by officers in Forge Lane, West Bromwich. He was later jailed for 30 months at Wolverhampton Crown Court, in Pipers Row.

Police chiefs today said Mr Simpson showed 'civic duty and bravery' outside Walsall High



Have-a-go hero Anthony Simpson is handed a Good Citizen Award from the Chief Constable Chris Sims and Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner Yvonne Mosquito

Street's Guru Nanak Gurdwara on September 21 last year.

He has been handed a Good Citizen Award by Chief Constable Chris Sims and Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner Yvonne Mosquito at a ceremony this week.

Sandwell Police Chief Superintendent Mark Robinson said: "Mr Simpson's sense of civic duty and bravery is commendable; he could easily have turned a blind eye but felt

he was able to trace Dulai and he was jailed for 30 months."

a clearly distressed victim. The robber even tried offering him part of the cash – but he ignored the 'deal' and returned the money to its rightful owner.

"The fact that someone was robbed within the grounds of the temple shocked and appalled the local community, but Mr Simpson's actions helped us ensure justice was done.

"We were able to trace Dulai and he was jailed for 30 months."

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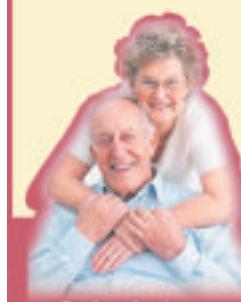


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## NEWS

## Remanded killer had phones in cell search

KILLER Aiden Elmore was caught with mobile phones in prison while on remand for murdering a pensioner after starting a blaze outside his flat, it has been revealed.

Prison officers at the young offenders' institution Brinsford, near Featherstone, discovered two mobile phones and a charger in a routine search of his cell on August 30.

Elmore was awaiting his trial at the time for the murder of Victor Moore who died while trying to escape the fire, started by Elmore, outside the 68-year-old's flat in Southey Close, Short Heath.

Elmore had set up a barricade of wheelie bins to prevent residents leaving. He was sentenced to life, with a minimum of 21 years fixed to be served. He appeared via video link at Cannock Magistrates Court where he admitted having the phones and charger.

He had wanted the phones to contact his relatives 'for personal reasons', said Mr Giles Rowden, prosecuting. The court was told his solicitor refused to attend the hearing.

Elmore was given a total of 14 weeks in prison, to run concurrently with his life sentence. The magistrates also ordered the forfeit and destruction of the phones.

The case was held up for 90 minutes after Elmore refused to leave his cell.

## Printers aim to put their stamp on new premises

A STAMP printing firm with its roots in Walsall's leather industry is moving to a new, hi-tech factory on the i54 site, where Jaguar Land Rover's landmark £500 million engine plant is being built.

ing work is completed next year. All its 80-strong workforce will be transferred to the site, which ISP plans to expand by a further 30,000 sq ft to meet increased demand.

The company, which printed the Royal Wedding stamps for Prince William and Kate Middleton, can trace its roots back to the Walsall Lithographic Company, founded in

1894 to print catalogues for harness and saddlers businesses.

But, as its plans for the future grow, ISP has taken five acres on the i54, on the border of South Staffordshire and Wolverhampton, which is part of the Black Country Enterprise Zone.

ISP's core business is in printing self-adhesive stamps, with more than 60 per cent of its production destined

for export markets, including Europe and Japan. Managing director Paul White said: "The new manufacturing premises on the prestigious i54 site, coupled with an ambitious programme of investment in state-of-the-art printing technologies will provide us with a firm foundation from which to expand our business operations."



An artist's impression of the new premises

## Delays for drivers as sewer fails

DRIVERS were hit by rush-hour delays in Walsall while emergency repairs were carried out on a collapsed sewer.

Severn Trent Water started urgent repairs in Bescot Road on Saturday, affecting traffic on Monday. Bosses said the work had to be carried out to avoid flooding. The dual carriageway has been closed from the south-bound M6 exit slip road into Bescot Road to the Morrisons store.

One lane of the dual carriageway leading back along Bescot Road towards junction 9 of the M6 has also been closed for the work. Diversions were set up through the Gallagher Retail Park.

People took to Twitter to share their frustrations. Jodie Powell wrote: "The traffic into Walsall this morning is ridiculous. Would have been 10 times quicker walking."

## Date set for next fun run

ORGANISERS have set a date for another Midlands fun run following the success of this year's event.

More than 600 people took part in the Great Black Country Run in September. Organisers have announced next year's race will be held on September 21.

People can start entering for the race, which includes a 5k fun run and 10k road race, from January 1 next year. Visit [www.greatblackcountryrun.com](http://www.greatblackcountryrun.com) for details.

# On track for electric trains as project gets under way

ELECTRIC train services on the Chase Line have moved a step closer as work started on the project at Bloxwich.

Walsall North MP joined councillors at the ceremony to mark the start of the

service for passengers using the route.

Liam Sumpster, Network Rail area director, said: "Electrification helps us to boost capacity, reduce carbon emissions and cut the cost of running the railway. Electric trains are also quieter, more reliable and have more seats, which is good news for passengers."

"By enabling a better train service along this important route, this investment in the rail infrastructure will help grow the local economy and provide a better service for passengers."

Walsall North MP David Winnick, together with councillors, Centro and London Midland, officially started the demolition of Broad Lane bridge at Bloxwich North



Cannock Chase Councillor Gordon Alcott, Walsall MP David Winnick, Walsall Councillors Patti Lane, Louise Harrison and deputy leader Adrian Andrew

station on Monday. This is the first of three welcome the electrification of the line, which bridges which need to be rebuilt to accommodate the equipment required to run electric trains. Mr Winnick said: "I certainly

have been much needed, and which goes through a good part of my constituency. I did say to the Network Rail officials that I hoped

everything possible will be done to minimise disruption to local residents while the work is being undertaken. Many of the residential properties are very near indeed to the station and bridge."

Mark Goodall, London Midland's head of Cross City Service, said: "The electrification of the neighbouring line between Lichfield and Birmingham has been a huge success and we look forward to introducing similar benefits to passengers on the Rugeley to Birmingham route."

Network Rail has been working closely with local authorities to agree the details of the closures and inform local residents.

Once all bridge works have been completed, electrification work will get underway in 2015 with the project set for completion in late 2017.

Cannock Chase MP Aidan Burley said: "I am absolutely delighted that all this hard work has finally paid off and construction work is now under way."

Rail services will not be affected until spring 2014 when the line will be closed for short periods on Sunday mornings to allow construction work to be completed safely.

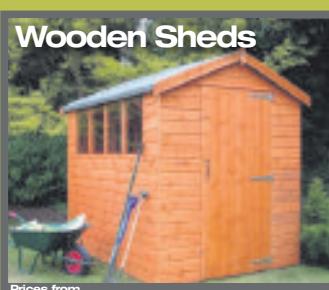
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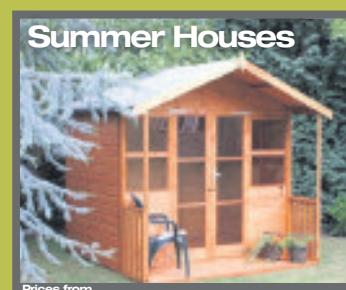
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# Eye of the tiger is on new home and mate

DUDLEY Zoo has taken delivery of its newest resident, rare Sumatran tiger Joao. After travelling hundreds of miles by land and sea, Joao made his grand entrance at the attraction by crane.

The 20-month-old tiger, who had travelled from Krefeld Zoo, Germany, was then carefully carried into the enclosure which is on the upper level of the 40-acre site where he will be introduced to three-year-old female Daseep.

He brings with him hopes of a new generation of big cats as Joao is part of a major international conservation programme for the critically endangered species.

## Tricky

Zoo chief executive, Peter Sudcock, said: "The big cat Tecton enclosure is a tricky one to negotiate and we used a crane to manoeuvre the tiger into the building."

"Not only does this make the transfer easier, but it also eliminates the need to anaesthetise Joao and meant we could introduce him to the internal dens immediately. It sounds a difficult move but it's something we've done since the zoo opened in 1937 and although it looks complicated, it's fairly straightforward."

Daseep is ranked as the world's second most important female in the genetic pool for the rare sub-species which now numbers fewer than 140 in the wild.

Staff are hoping to build on their successful breeding record for Sumatran tigers.



Sumatran tiger Joao surveys his new domain at the zoo

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# Repairs due for pub in £1m project

AN HISTORIC pub which dates back to the 1600s is to undergo repairs as part of a £1 million project to spruce up iconic buildings.

The Grade II listed Bell Inn, in Market Place, Willenhall, is to receive work as part of the Townscape Heritage Initiative.

A consortium of Willenhall residents formed The Bell group and bought the pub at auction in 2010. There are long-term plans for a cafe and community centre.

A funding pot of £1 million has been set aside for property owners or leaseholders of historic buildings within the conservation area and some of this is being used on the town's oldest pub.

Work will focus around ensuring the building is structurally sound and water tight. It will also include roof and window repairs and replacement of the existing shopfront.

## Public to be given say on post office

MEMBERS of the public will be given six weeks to have a say on plans for a post office that is set to be closed.

Willenhall post office could close and services moved into a shop, under proposals. It is one of 70 Crown Post Office branches, or those run directly by the Post Office, earmarked to be franchised. Bosses insisted a decision has not yet been made but confirmed a consultation would be held.

A spokeswoman said: "We are committed to keeping Post Office branches on high streets. For 70 of our Crown Post Office branches such as Willenhall we think that the best way to do this is to partner with a retailer."

The school in Churchill Road caters for seven to 19 year-olds and currently has 145 pupils on its books.

by Rob Golledge

THREE postal workers completed an endurance challenge in the Highlands to raise £2,000 for a special needs school.

Royal Mail drivers John Hanley, Mick Hembrow and Michael Power walked nearly 100 miles along the West Highland Way through Scotland over five days, before climbing the heights of Ben Nevis.

The three colleagues raised £2,010 for Jane Lane School in Bentley, near Willenhall, Walsall – the town's biggest special school.

The walk took place in July but a special assembly was held recently where each of the fundraisers were presented with special plaques to mark their achievement.

Headteacher Tony Milovsorov thanked the three men for their efforts.

### Relation

He said: "It was great to see and we are very grateful that they decided to raise money for us."

"John is a relation of our PE teacher Simon Murcott and together with Nick and Michael they decided we would be their chosen cause."

"It has been brilliant for the pupils as they were able to chart the journey and it actually formed part of their geography lessons where they would track their progress. It was very interactive."

"I will consult with the school council before deciding how to spend the money but that amount of money is welcome and we are very thankful to the three of them and Royal Mail who have supported them."

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John Hanley, Mick Hembrow and Michael Power with children from Jane Lane School, Churchill Road, Bentley

# Outlet may be moved 650 metres

MOXLEY Post Office could move into a new home 650 metres from its current base under new plans.

The unit is earmarked to move from its current base in Roberts Close to Kendrick News, in Kendrick Road. It would see its opening hours more than doubled.

Post Office Ltd has launched a six-week consultation over the plans which would see the branch's opening hours extend to 103 per week.

Post Office regional network manager, Adrian Wales said: "The modernisation is part of a major investment programme to convert the post office network to new-style branches and this investment, the largest in the history of the post office, makes a commitment to no more branch closure programmes."

The consultation will close on January 6. Email comments@postoffice.co.uk or call 08457 22 33 44.

## Store workers are praised by police

SUPERMARKET staff have been praised for helping catch a drug dealer who left his stash in the canteen. Parminder Singh was jailed for four years at Wolverhampton Crown Court for supplying Class A and Class B drugs.

The 34-year-old had been to Morrisons in Middle Piece Way, Willenhall, when he left an Adidas bag containing drugs worth more than £2,000.

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## MEMORY LANE



Mr Green seen at his home when he was 80



The young man in his Territorial Army uniform



An image of Mr Green in jungle attire



David Green with his father's medals at his home in Longlake Avenue, Wolverhampton



Mr Green, left, in Singapore before the Second World War

# Veteran who suffered PoW brutality made most of life

By Naomi Dunning

**HE WAS detained in one of the most infamous Japanese prisoner of war camps for almost five years, and subjected to brutal treatment, forced labour, food shortages and sickness.**

But despite leaving the camp close to death, war hero from West Bromwich Theodore Green went on to live a long and happy life, with a large family and long career.

Tributes have now been paid to the veteran, who has died at the age of 90.

Mr Green joined the territorial army at the age of 17, but within weeks he had signed up to the regular army after the outbreak of the Second World War.

He along with his brothers left the family

home to do their duty and all caught the train to Huddersfield to join up. He became a private in the 14 Section Royal Army Ordnance Corps attached to the South Staffordshire Regiment in munitions, and within months was sent to Singapore in the Far East.

But after being there only a matter of months the section was soon in trouble and whilst waiting for back-up from the allies, the Japanese invaded.

The help didn't reach them in time and Mr Green was captured outside the Raffles Hotel, Singapore in 1940.

Mr Green was first taken to Changi jail in the eastern part of Singapore, before being transported to the Batu Lintang camp in

Kuching, Sarawak in Borneo, a 50-acre site with a maximum of 3,000 prisoners.

His son David Green, aged 66, from Compton said his father spent his 18th birthday at the camp, and only managed to get one note home.

The camp was eventually liberated on September 11 1945, but Mr Green did not leave until September 28, having to be carried out and weighing just four stone.

## Endured

Mr Green didn't return home to Wolverhampton until 1946, and for years afterwards would have bad bouts of malaria. His son said: "I am extremely proud of him. To think what he endured, it must have been awful. But to get well and carry on makes me proud. He protected us all from it, which I'm very grateful for."

He added: "He didn't really talk at all

about his time at the camp. I'm not sure what he went through but it must have been terrible."

"Reading about the camp now is very emotional."

Mr Green married his wife Joyce in 1947 and the couple, who lived in Tettenhall Wood, Wolverhampton, had 10 children, who had 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

After the war he became a painter and decorator and long distance lorry driver. He then spent 21 years as an ambulance driver. He was also a keen artist. He spent his last year at Aldergrove Manor Care Home on Penn Road, and died on October 15 at New Cross Hospital after a long illness.

His son added: "He was a very hard worker, and always looked after his family. He was always good natured and pleasant."

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## NEWS

## Stamp of success



Emily Woollam, aged 11, celebrates being named a runner-up in the Royal Mail Christmas stamp competition

A TALENTED schoolgirl has been named runner-up in the national Royal Mail children's Christmas stamp contest.

Emily Woollam, a pupil at Queen Mary's Grammar School, Walsall, was second out of more than 250,000 entries for her Nativity scene design.

The 11-year-old's entry shows Mary holding baby Jesus beneath a ray of light beside the three kings. Emily, of Muxloe Close, Bloxwich, has been awarded a sheet of real stamps bearing her design, as well as a framed copy of her entry and £100 worth of high street vouchers.

The youngster, who entered the competition when she was at St Peter's Primary School, said: "I was really proud when I found out and really excited. I really want to be an artist when I'm older so this was a great opportunity."

Her mother, Val, said: "I really can't tell you how proud I am. It really is a fabulous achievement. Art really is Emily's true passion – she loves all type of art."

## Safety fears raised over four-road bridge meet

A REVIEW of a busy bridge junction in Willenhall is to be carried out amid concerns over traffic and safety. Fears have been raised about collisions and congestion around Lane Head Bridge.

The canal bridge links four roads and Willenhall. Liberal Democrats met council highways officers at the site last week.

There are safety fears for drivers and pedestrians with railings near shops having been damaged as vehicles try to squeeze past traffic.

There have also been concerns raised about poor direction signs approaching the traffic-light controlled junction from High Road, Bentley Lane, Straight Road and Bloxwich Road North.

Better line markings have already been put into place since the meeting.

Willenhall councillor Ian Shires, group leader of the Liberal Democrats, said officers had been asked to look at options for improvements.

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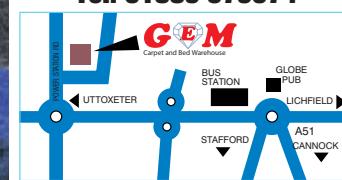
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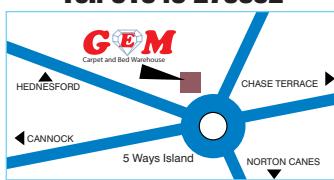
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## Christmas in Walsall

# Ready for the festivities at borough's five centres

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Aldridge's celebrations take place on the same day (Saturday, November 30) with an ice rink, Father Christmas and other attractions from 11am to 4pm.

A week later on Saturday, December 7 the festivities move on to Willenhall.

Events will be focused around Stafford Street/Market Place and will include an ice rink and other attractions between 11am and 4pm.

For the two other district centres of Brownhills and Darlaston the date for the diary is Saturday, December 14.

### Talent

King Street will be the main focal point for Darlaston's celebrations which run from 10am to 4pm.

The line up includes Father Christmas, children's entertainment, a talent stage and petting zoo.

Brownhills celebrations will be similar to the other district centres featuring Father Christmas, children's rides, donkeys, interactive walkabout acts, hog roast, Christmas stalls, business window displays, local choir performances and an ice rink free to use as their main attraction.



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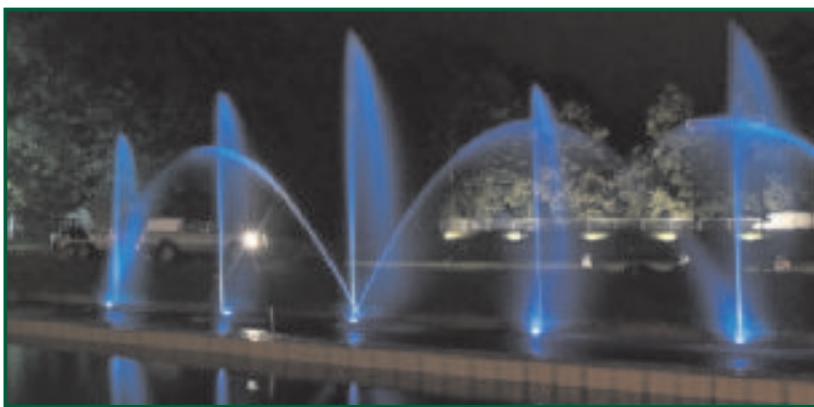
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The lights, water and sound show is set to brighten up the canal basin next to the New Art Gallery

# Water feature to transform town

CHRISTMAS will be celebrated in style in Walsall town centre this year with events for all the family and at the heart of it all a brand new feature for 2013.

Magical Waters is a spectacular water, light and sound show which will illuminate Walsall canal basin, next to the New Art Gallery, on December 14 and 15.

Entry to the water spectacular is free with the show running every 10 minutes on both days between 4 and

7pm. Building company Jessup is sponsoring and organising the two day event with support from Walsall Council.

The big switch on takes place at 4pm on Saturday, December 14. It will be carried out by the winner of a competition organised in conjunction with the New Art Gallery Walsall.

Children were challenged to make and decorate an origami boat with the winner due to be announced soon.

Throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday there will also be a whole host of other entertainment. Some of the events are free although there will be

charges for some attractions.

For ice skating fans there will be an ice rink in the town centre while Father Christmas will be taking up residence in his grotto.

Before or after the children have visited Father Christmas they can also enjoy the other attractions and workshops which have been lined up. They include various street acts throughout the weekend, children's rides, face painting and balloon modelling.

In addition people looking for some inspiration to decorate their home can take part in a workshop where they can make calendars and tree baubles.



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## REVIEW

## Bellhead Symphony Hall, Birmingham

BELLHEAD are not so much a folk band as an 11-player orchestra. They know how to put on a show, infect people with enthusiasm and they are dripping with talent.

Sam Sweeney as a lone piper opened proceedings under a single spotlight, followed by John Boden's distinctive voice coming through the darkness before the full band was revealed to applause from a sold-out crowd.

Jordan was one of the opening songs which set the pace for the rest of the night with the band never letting up, much to the delight of the fans.

They followed this up with 10,000 Miles Away, a track from their most recent album Broadside, which gave free rein to the animated brass section comprising Andy Mellon on trumpet, Brendan Kelly on sax, Ed Neuhauer on the mighty tuba and Justin Thurgur on trombone. These were backed up by Pete Flood on the drums and frying pan, John Spiers on melodica and Benji Kirkpatrick on banjo.

As the night went on there was a bewildering amount of instrument changes that was as much a spectacle as the performance and songs themselves.

The audience became the 12th man for another favourite from Broadside, Roll the Woodpile Down. Towards the end they kept the audience hopping with one of their most popular hits New York Girls.

DANNY FARRAGHER

# There is no escape from this rising star of comedy scene

## McBusted team up is a smash hit

FOLLOWING the astonishing success of their reunion at the Royal Albert Hall for McFly's tenth anniversary concert, Tom Fletcher, Danny Jones, Dougie Poynter and Harry Judd have announced they will join forces with James Bourne and Matt Willis, of their former pop rivals Busted, as supergroup McBusted for a UK arena tour.

The response of fans to the Busted/McFly reunion has been phenomenal, despite the absence of Busted singer Charlie Simpson, who left the band in 2005 and is not taking part in the reunion.

McBusted have added several dates to meet the clamour for tickets after #mcbusted became the top worldwide trend on Twitter. Together Busted and McFly sold 15 million records worldwide and chalked up 14 number ones, 20 top 3 singles and 27 top ten singles.

Fans can expect a nostalgic set full of favourite Busted and McFly hits, plus a few surprises, when they play gigs at Birmingham LG Arena on May 2, 3 and 17. Tickets are £39.50 for the LG (plus fees) and are available from [www.livenation.co.uk](http://www.livenation.co.uk) or [www.ticketmaster.co.uk](http://www.ticketmaster.co.uk)



If it ain't McBusted why fix it? The noughties' top boy guitar bands join forces

THERE is no getting away from funnyman Andrew Lawrence at the moment. The comic, a double Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee, brings his new show to Wolverhampton early next month.

For anyone feeling their life is so awful that they wish they could disappear and never be found, this show should be right up their street.

The comedian performs his 'There Is No Escape' show at the Slade Rooms, in Broad Street, on December 8.

### Winner

A winner of the BBC New Act of the Year in 2004, Lawrence has since made a name for himself on the stand-up circuit as well as landing a role in the BBC TV sitcom Ideal.

A Sony Radio Award nominee, Lawrence has twice been shortlisted for the Best Headline Act at the Chortle Award, has appeared on Live At The Apollo and has an acclaimed radio 4 series that beat his name.

Tickets for the Wolverhampton show, which start at 8pm, are priced at £15 or £13 and available on 0870 320 7000 or online at [www.wolvescivic.co.uk](http://www.wolvescivic.co.uk)



Andrew Lawrence – he is exploring the funny side of feeling really fed up

Ned reunion gig

Black Country band Ned's Atomic Dustbin are marking their 25th anniversary with gigs including Birmingham O2 Academy on Saturday night. The band, fronted by John Penney, will play along with Cud, Republica and DJ Steve Lamacq.

## REVIEW

## One Night of Queen, Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

THEY brought their own kind of magic to Wolverhampton and the packed Grand Theatre lapped it up.

From the moment the lights started to flash and the beat struck up, people were singing along to all their favourites as One Night of Queen proved the group's music is as popular as ever.

This tribute band ran through the well-known and not so well-known songs with frequent requests for people to clap and join in all happily met.

### Strut

Although Gary Mullen's voice was nowhere near as powerful as the legendary Freddie Mercury, he certainly had all the moves with the struts and sexual innuendos.

The band was excellent, with superb solos from the drummer and lead guitarist but sometimes they did tend to drown out the singing, which was a shame on the more poignant songs.

However, everyone seemed to be in party mood and every time Gary stripped off his jacket or T-shirt the crowd did erupt into screams and furious applause – and he was loving every minute of it.

Coming back on stage at the end for the obvious encore – this group proved that they are still the champions.

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Dermot O'Leary

### The X Factor ITV, 8pm

They may be ratings rivals, but there are obviously a few X Factor fans working on Strictly Come Dancing – this year alone, we've seen routines performed to What Makes You Beautiful by One Direction and Wings by Little Mix. So, it seems only fair that this week the remaining acts on the Simon Cowell's singing contest are also getting the chance to raid The X Factor songbook by performing hits by past contestants. And for anyone fancying a go at Trouble or Dance with Me Tonight, be warned – Olly Murs is this week's guest performer. Dermot O'Leary presents.

### BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Football Focus. **12.15** BBC News: Regional News. **12.30** Weather. **12.45** Rugby League World Cup. **3.00** Live Formula 1: Brazilian Grand Prix – Qualifying. **5.20** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **5.40** Pointless Celebrities. A Doctor Who special, with contestants including Sylvester McCoy. (R)

**6.30** **Strictly Come Dancing.** Tess Daly presents another ballroom battle. **7.50** **Doctor Who: The Day of the Doctor.** As an ancient battle reaches its conclusion, the Doctor's past comes back to haunt him and the whole of reality is at stake. Sci-fi adventure, with Matt Smith and David Tennant. Also being shown simultaneously in a number of UK cinemas.

**9.05** **Cashtech.** Fletch's domestic problems compromise his work.

**10.00** **The National Lottery Live.** Chris Evans reveals the results.

**10.10** **BBC News:** Weather.

**10.30** **Match of the Day.** Including highlights of Everton vs Liverpool. National Lottery Update.

**11.55** **The Football League Show.** Highlights of today's games in the Championship, League One and League Two.

**1.15** **Weatherview.** **1.20** BBC News. **2.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.00** Live Formula 1: Brazilian Grand Prix – Qualifying. **5.05** Final Score. **5.20** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **5.40** Pointless. **6.30** **Strictly Come Dancing.** **7.50** **Doctor Who: The Day of the Doctor.** **9.05** Casualty.

### BBC2

**6.00** **This Is BBC Two.** **6.50** **Film:** The Company She Keeps. (1951) **8.10** **Film:** The Happiest Days of Your Life. (1950) **9.00** Formula 1: Brazilian Grand Prix – First Practice. **11.15** Formula 1: Brazilian Grand Prix – Second Practice. **12.55** Live Formula 1: Brazilian Grand Prix – Third Practice. **2.05** **EastEnders.** **3.00** **Flop It!** (R) **4.00** **Inspire:** The Olympic Journey with Louis Smith and Louis Smithstead. (R) **4.30** **Final Score.** **5.30** **Live International Rugby Union.** **8.00** **Dad's Army.** The platoon takes a loose barrage balloon off to the woods to secure it to a tree, but an accident sees it float away – taking Captain Mainwaring with it. (R) **8.25** **XL Extended edition.** Sarah Millican, Jason Manford and Bill Bailey join regular panelist Alan Davies as host Stephen Fry asks a range of unusual questions on the topic of keeps.

**9.15** **Comet of the Century: A Horizon Special.** An amateur's view of how the passage of Comet Ison through the solar system could give insights into some of the greatest mysteries of science, including where Earth's water came from.

**10.15** **DH Lawrence: A Journey Through His Art.** **11.00** **TV Show Special.** Retracing the Alpine journey DH Lawrence made in 1912.

**11.15** **Film: Bright Star.** (2009) Biopic telling the story of 19th-century romantic poet John Keats' three-year relationship with his neighbour Fanny Browne. Starring Ben Whishaw, Abbie Cornish and Paul Schneider.

**1.05** **Film:** The Big Picture. (2010) **2.50** **This Is BBC Two.**

**6.00** **CITV: Babar and the Adventures of Badou.** **6.10** **Matt Hatter Chronicles.** (R) **6.30** **Dino Dan.** (R) **7.00** **Cartoon Shows.** **7.45** **Canimals.** (R) **7.50** **Sooty.** **7.55** **Horrid Henry.** **7.50** **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** **8.15** **Bottom Knocker Street.** **8.30** **Munch Box.** **9.25** **ITV News.** **9.30** **The Home of Fabulous Cakes.** (R) **10.30** **Murder, She Wrote.** (R) **11.00** **Surprise Surprise.** (R) **12.35** **Dinner.** (R) **1.30** **Doc Martin.** (R) **2.35** **All Star Mr & Mrs.** **3.35** **Film:** Star Wars: Episode VI – Return of the Jedi. (1983)

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**12.55** **Jackpot247.** **3.00** **The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.** (R) **3.40** **ITV Nightscreen.**

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**6.05** **Come Dine with Me.** Natasha Ingham hosts the final dinner party from Lincolnshire. (R)

**6.35** **Channel 4 News.**

**7.05** **Marvel's Agents of SHIELD.** Phil Coulson and his agents pick up the pieces in the aftermath of the events chronicled in Thor: The Dark World, but circumstances threaten to destroy a member of the team. (R)

**8.00** **Stonehenge: Walking Through History.** New series. Chris Redgrave embarks on a walk across Wiltshire, from Avebury to Stonehenge, telling the story of the development that occurred in the latter days of the Neolithic era.

**9.00** **Killing Kennedy.** A detective tries to track down the one-armed man he believes is the man who killed John F Kennedy and his killer Lee Harvey Oswald crossed paths on that November afternoon in 1963. Drama, with Rob Lowe and Wili Rothhaar.

**10.55** **Film: Devil.** (2010) Horror, starring Chris Messina.

**12.35** **Stand Up for the Week.** (R) **1.20** **Padly's Pad.** (R) **2.05** **Hollyoaks.** (R) **4.10** **90210.** (R) **5.50** **Deal or No Deal.** (R) **5.45** **Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard.** (R)

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**6.05** **Fox Four.**

**7.00** **Frozen Planet.** **8.00** **Stories from the Dark Earth.** Meet the Ancestors Revisited. **9.00** **Borgen.** **11.00** **Kings of 70s Romance.**

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## What's On!

### Film Choices

#### MONDAY

**The Gingerbread Man, Channel 5, 11.40pm**  
A lawyer is shocked to learn of his girlfriend's traumatic upbringing and launches a personal crusade to see her violent, abusive father brought to justice. He succeeds in having him committed to an asylum – little suspecting he is setting the scene for a deadly confrontation.

**Robert Altman's legal thriller based on John Grisham's novel, starring Kenneth Branagh, Embeth Davidtz, Robert Downey Jr, Robert Duvall, Famke Janssen and Daryl Hannah. (1998)**

#### TUESDAY

**When a Man Loves a Woman, BBC1, 11.35pm**  
A couple's outwardly idyllic marriage is close to disintegrating through the wife's alcoholism, prompting her husband to resort to desperate measures to make her give up drinking for their children's sake. However, he is also forced to face up to the part he played in allowing her life to go off the rails. Drama, with Andy Garcia, Meg Ryan, Lauren Tom, Ellen Burstyn, Tina Majorino and Mae Whitman. (1994)

#### WEDNESDAY

**Swordfish, Channel 5, 10.30pm**

A computer hacker recently released from prison is recruited by a mysterious criminal to help him embezzle millions of dollars. The plot draws him into the world of international espionage as he discovers his new employer is a former US anti-terrorist operative planning to steal from his old government paymasters. Thriller, starring John Travolta, Hugh Jackman, Halle Berry, Don Cheadle and Vinnie Jones. (2001)



Troy, Friday, Channel 5, 9pm

#### THURSDAY

**Love at the Parade, Channel 5, 3.15pm**

The organiser of Chicago's Thanksgiving parade is furious when a consultant is brought in to take charge of the event's finances, thinking he is only interested in profit. But when she suffers an unexpected crisis, she finds support in her previously unwanted colleague, and begins to fall for him. Romantic drama, with Autumn Reeser and Antonio Cupo. (2012)

#### FRIDAY

**Troy, Channel 5, 9pm**

A Trojan prince elopes with the king of Sparta's wife, sparking a bitter and bloody war between a mighty alliance of Greek kings and the city of Troy, whose champion engages in intense personal conflict with the enemy's most formidable warrior. Wolfgang Petersen's adventure, inspired by Homer's epic poem The Iliad, with Brad Pitt, Eric Bana, Orlando Bloom, Brian Cox, Sean Bean, Peter O'Toole and Diane Kruger. (2004)

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### Pick of the Week

## The Tardis welcomes back a former Tennant

**I**t's here at last, the moment all Doctor Who fans have been waiting for... At 5.15pm on November 23, 1963, a TV legend was born, but in rather inauspicious circumstances.

The broadcast took place a day after the assassination of US President John F Kennedy, and as a result, nobody was really paying that much attention to the arrival on British screen of a white-haired old gent who claimed he could travel through space and time in a police box that was bigger on the inside than it was on the outside.

But, just a few weeks later, it was regarded as a phenomenon thanks to the debut appearance of the Daleks – and it's been much-loved by millions ever since.

Now the sci-fi classic is celebrating its 50th anniversary, and current showrunner Steven Moffat is as excited as anybody about this special episode, which will also be broadcast and shown in cinemas in 3D.

"Since I was a little boy, the idea of writing a Doctor Who story at all was

remarkable enough to me," he reveals. "But writing the 50th special was exciting and terrifying – everything that showbiz should be."

"I didn't want this to just be a celebration of 50 years of the past. I wanted it to be a celebration of the mythos and legend of the Doctor and all that entailed."

"This should be the first step on the next journey, guaranteeing the 100th anniversary. The story focuses on the most important thing that ever happened to the Doctor. We very rarely do that in Doctor Who as it's usually about the people the Doctor meets or the companions that travel with him. This time it's different."

How different we're just not sure – Moffat is frankly brilliant at keeping the plots of Who stories top secret, even if it means telling a few little white lies along the way.

What we do know is that David Tennant is returning to the Tardis alongside Matt Smith, and they'll be joined by John Hurt as an incarnation of the Time Lord that the Doctor himself would rather forget.

Billie Piper is also back as Rose Tyler, and those who love Tom Baker's era will be thrilled about an appearance by the Zygons, shape-shifting aliens who haven't been seen since 1976.

"With John Hurt we have serious acting really and that was the intent of John's character," explains Moffat. "John is one of the most distinguished actors this country has produced and has now become part of Doctor Who mythology."

"The Zygons, without question, are a design classic. They are superb – brilliant from the voice, to the appearance. Essentially, we've resurrected exactly the same Zygon as Tom Baker fought back. They are beautiful, and it'll show that the special looks forward to the future of Doctor Who and also celebrates the legend."

We're guessing a few more people will be tuning in to this episode than did so in 1963 – and anybody who misses it will feel as alien as a Cyberman when it comes to Monday morning's school and work discussions!



Doctor Who: The Day of the Doctor, Saturday, BBC1, 7.50pm

### Best of the Rest

#### MONDAY

**Ripper Street**

**BBC1, 9pm**

Given the calibre of cast, crew, and the international appeal, there's perhaps little wonder this series has found favour worldwide. The latest offering involves the murder of Telegraph Boy Otto Roberts. When he is found strangled, Detective Inspector Edmund Reid and his fellow crime busters attempt to expose a vice racket run from the offices of the GPO. The case takes Reid to the heart of Barings Bank, one of the city's most revered financial organisations. Before long the team uncovers blackmail, impending economic disaster and crooked financial dealings. With a great cast including Matthew Macfadyen, Jerome Flynn and Adam Rothenberg, as well as some superb attention to detail, this is a welcome change from the usual cops and robbers dramas.

#### The Choir: Sing While You Work

**BBC2, 9pm**

You've got to hand it to choirmaster Gareth Malone – his determination cannot be rivalled. However, he's going to need more than determination (and his signature bow tie) tonight, as he tackles what could be his biggest challenge yet. He's hoping to turn staff at Cheshire Fire and Rescue into an all-singing, all-beaming group of folk ready to take on his other choirs. But he's got his work cut out. At audition stage, the alarm is raised and bells and blue lights bring an abrupt halt to proceedings, as the station gets to work. Once rehearsals get under way, Gareth's next task is to give the back-room staff the confidence to stand tall and sing proud.

#### TUESDAY

**Last Tango in Halifax**

**BBC1, 9pm**

A wedding day should be the happiest time of your life, preferably surrounded by loved ones, not by a butcher who'd rather be somewhere else and an indifferent, on-duty policeman. And when Alan (Derek Jacobi) considers paying the witnesses £20 he manages to dampen some of the romance. Little wonder his bride Celia (Anne Reid) is a little miffed. The service is eventually interrupted by Gillian (a scene-stealing Nicola Walker), who has a go at her dad for being so selfish. Meanwhile, as Caroline (Sarah Lancashire) finds a way to buy John out of the house, her relationship is threatened by Kate's desire for a baby. Sally Wainwright's brilliant, bittersweet comedy also stars Tony Gardner and Nina Sosanya.

#### The Sound of Musicals

**Channel 4, 9pm**

When Andrew Lloyd Webber needed to solve a problem like finding an actress to play Maria in his revival of The Sound of Music, he turned to reality TV for help. But when it comes to the tricky business of casting a West End musical, not every producer is able to hand the decision over to the public. Take Kenny Wax for example – he struck lucky when putting on his staging of Top Hat, and recruited actor Tom

Chambers, a former Strictly Come Dancing champion and Casualty star who could tap, sing and already had an army of fans. But as Chambers approaches the end of his contract, Wax needs to find another 'triple threat' to take over the role, a search that ultimately takes him to Broadway.

#### WEDNESDAY

**Treblinka: Inside Hitler's Secret Death Camp**

**Channel 5, 9pm**

It was a place of almost unimaginable horror, yet for many years, it seemed as if the Treblinka concentration camp had left no trace of its ever having existed. Located in north east Poland, the concentration camp was where the Nazis murdered more than 800,000 people between 1942 and 1943. Many more were forced to serve as slave labour. The camp was then dismantled in 1943, and anything the Germans authorities didn't destroy, time and the seasons concealed. Some Holocaust deniers have even questioned whether it ever existed at all. But earlier this year, British archaeologist Caroline Sturdy Colls embarked on a mission to reveal exactly what the Nazis were trying to hide at Treblinka. This documentary follows Caroline and her team as they work on the first comprehensive forensic investigation

#### THURSDAY

**Legacy**

**BBC2, 9pm**

For anyone too young to remember the 1970s, it wasn't just a time of flares, disco and Space Hoppers. In 1974, Britain was also in the middle of a Cold War, and contending with the three-day week, industrial strife and petrol rationing – and it's against this background that this thriller plays out. Charlie Cox heads the cast as Charles Thoroughgood, a trainee spy in MI6, who is under pressure to recruit his old university friend and Russian diplomat Viktor Koslov (Andrew Scott). However, it's not going to be as easy as going for a couple of drinks and reminiscing about the good old days. Viktor has his own agenda, as well as a bit of explosive inside information about the spy's family.

#### FRIDAY

**Kangaroo Dundee**

**BBC2, 8.30pm**

All eyes are focused Down Under at the moment thanks to the cricket and Celebrity shenanigans, but there's more to Aussie blokes than just the thwack of leather on willow, as this new documentary series proves. Following on from a two-part shown earlier in the year as part of the Natural World strand, Kangaroo Dundee catches up with Chris 'Brolga' Barnes, the Outback hero who's been devoting his life to rescuing and raising orphaned kangaroos in Australia's Northern Territory. As the cameras start rolling again, Brolga has just taken in two new joeys by the name of Rex and Ruby, and is raising them using a pillowcase as a pouch.



The Sound of Musicals, Tuesday, Channel 4, 9pm

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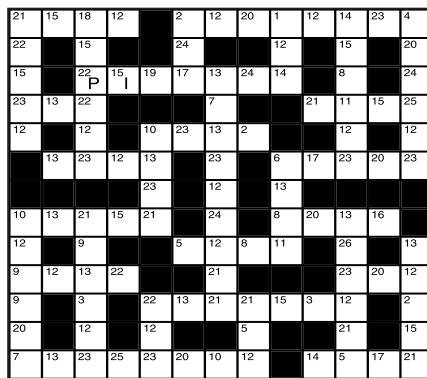
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## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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## Double Crossword

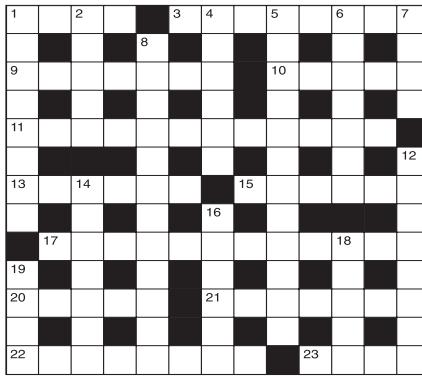
Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

## Cryptic Clues: Across

- 1. Poor Iris, to droop like this! (4)
- 3. In a convent it gives preferential treatment (8)
- 9. Saying in the page rim, perhaps (7)
- 10. The thank you letter one gets from Greece (5)
- 11. Suckers will always buy them! (6,6)
- 13. Slightly sensitive? (6)
- 15. I am unfortunately having to return the sausage (6)
- 17. Indicate the spot for a country meeting (5-2-5)
- 20. Verdi's energy (5)
- 21. Newspaper piece could make it clear (7)
- 22. They sit outside the courts to give their decisions (8)
- 23. Naturally, they lack refinement (4)

## Down

- 1. Feel a bit upset by a trifling annoyance (8)
- 2. Defence of the absent (5)
- 4. Misers may become careless (6)
- 5. Bound to start a fight? (2,3,7)
- 6. You can't do a thing with it! (7)
- 7. Period from very early times (4)
- 8. Apparently they don't require a penny for their thoughts (4,8)
- 12. Upright but lacking energy (8)
- 14. An ideal description (7)
- 16. Faster form of attack (6)
- 18. Fall into part of the main current (5)
- 19. A much revered figure (4)



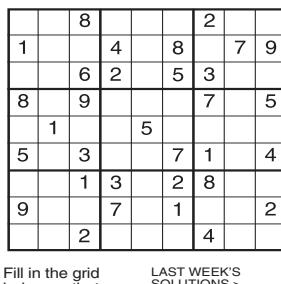
## Quick Clues: Across

- 1. Pass (2,2)
- 3. Wasteful (8)
- 9. Send away (7)
- 10. Well up (5)
- 11. After death (12)
- 13. Make attractive (6)
- 15. Get away (6)
- 17. Despicable (12)
- 20. The sea (5)
- 21. Dryness (7)
- 22. More stable (8)
- 23. Remain (4)

## Down

- 1. Good journey! (8)
- 2. Foundation (5)
- 4. Summary (6)
- 5. Essay (12)
- 6. Biggest ape (7)
- 7. Sediment (4)
- 8. Depressed (12)
- 12. Of late (8)
- 14. See (7)
- 16. Smear (6)
- 18. Wide bay (5)
- 19. Fling (4)

## Sudoku

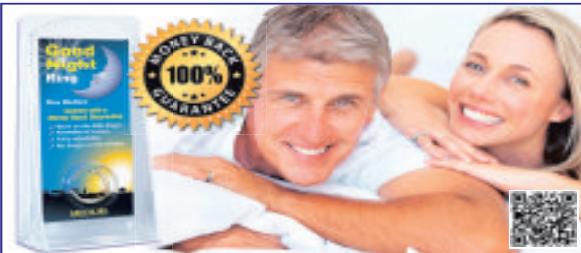


Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS &gt;

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2	1	4	9	3	5	6	8	7
8	5	9	7	6	2	3	1	4
6	2	5	3	4	7	8	9	1
1	9	7	8	5	6	2	4	3
4	8	6	1	2	7	3	5	9
5	4	2	8	9	3	1	6	7
3	8	6	1	7	4	9	2	5
9	7	1	5	2	8	4	3	6

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:  
CRYPTIC - Across: 6 Literal; 7 Strum; 9 Style;  
10 Turn off; 12 Switchboard; 14 Taking sides;  
18 Respond; 19 Rifle; 21 Snore; 22 Sailing; Down:  
1 Pley; 2 Yellow; 3 Tap; 4 Sling; 5 Gunfire; 8  
Fuchsia; 11 Staging; 13 Make one; 15 Impart;  
16 Evilly; 17 Plant; 20 Pas. QUICK - Across:  
6 Defence; 7 Bogus; 9 Tepid; 10 Nursery; 12  
Reduce speed; 14 Paper-mache; 18 Azurine;  
19 Still; 21 Azure; 22 Adverse; Down: 1 Lever;  
2 Revise; 3 Act; 4 Gossip; 5 Quarrel; 8 Funeral;  
11 Counter; 13 Capsize; 15 Ignore; 16 Hatred; 17  
Close; 20 Odd.



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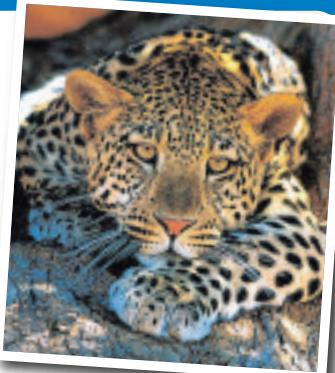
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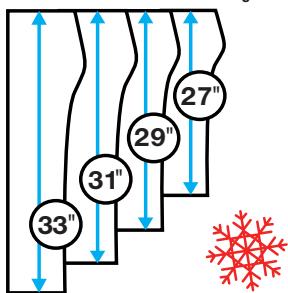
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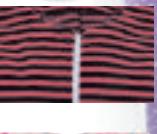
Made from 100% polyester and available in sizes 8/10, 12/14, 16/18, 20/22, 24/26.

Purple, white dot  
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D6859, size 24/26

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When not in use you can discreetly store your guest bed away using one of our great covers to protect your bed. Choose from a bespoke fabric cover that slips neatly over your bed, or one of our attractive wooden cupboards that allow your bed to blend seamlessly into the room as though it were a cabinet.

Available in light oak or mahogany, each cabinet measures: W92 x H114 x D37cm, and slides neatly away from the wall to allow access to the bed.

Description	Code	RRP	Price
Deluxe folding guest bed	D6680	£179.99	£129.99
Guest bed fabric cover	D6681	£9.99	£9.99
Cabinet - Light oak	D6733	£129.99	£99.99
Cabinet - Mahogany	D6734	£129.99	£99.99



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The single blanket is heated by a 50W element and comes with a detachable controller, while the double and king sizes feature two 50W elements and two controllers, allowing you to always keep your half of the bed at the perfect temperature.

Standard	Code	RRP	Price	Fleece	Code	RRP	Price
Single	D6671	£34.99	£24.99	Single	D6674	£44.99	£34.99
Double	D6672	£44.99	£34.99	Double	D6675	£59.99	£49.99
King	D6673	£54.99	£44.99	King	D6676	£69.99	£59.99

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Product	10.5 tog	RRP	Price	13.5 tog	RRP	Price	15 tog	RRP	Price
Single	D5752	£32.99	£19.99	D6094	£39.99	£21.99	D6098	£42.99	£24.99
Double	D5753	£42.99	£29.99	D6095	£49.99	£31.99	D6099	£54.99	£32.99
King	D5754	£54.99	£32.99	D6096	£64.99	£34.99	D6100	£69.99	£36.99
S/King	D5755	£64.99	£34.99	D6097	£74.99	£36.99	D6101	£79.99	£39.99
Pillow x 2	D5785	£29.99	£19.99						



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Product	Code	RRP	Price	Product	Code	RRP	Price
3" Single topper	D2307	£59.99	£39.99	5" Single topper	D6555	£79.99	£59.99
3" Double topper	D2308	£79.99	£59.99	5" Double topper	D6556	£99.99	£79.99
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3" S/king topper	D5956	£109.99	£79.99				
Pillow	D2303	£12.99	£9.99				

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Product	Code	RRP
Halogen heaters - white	D5735	£39.99
Halogen heaters - black	D5736	£39.99



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Product	Code	RRP	Price
Daylight Table Lamp – Steel	D3943	£79.99	£49.99
Daylight Floor Lamp – Steel	D3944	£99.99	£69.99
Daylight Table Lamp – Brass	D5553	£79.99	£49.99
Daylight Floor Lamp – Brass	D5552	£99.99	£69.99
Spare Bulb	D3948	-	£4.99

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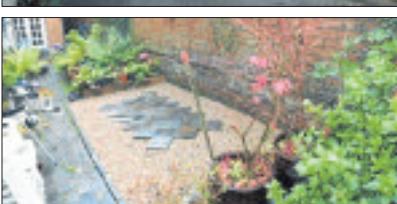
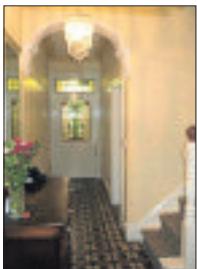
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### Cannock Chase Landlord Forum

Wednesday 27th November 2013, 7pm  
Council Chamber, Civic Centre,  
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If you are a landlord with property to rent in the Cannock Chase area, why not attend the next meeting of the Landlord Forum?

#### Guest Speakers for the evening are:

David Francis  
PricewaterhouseCoopers - PwC  
HMRC's approach to taxation in the private  
rented sector

Tom Cave Housing Solicitor

Staffordshire South West Citizens Advice Bureau  
A guide for landlords on repossession & general  
good practice principles for managing  
rented accommodation

Phil Rowland Property Procurement Manager  
Derventio Housing Trust (Housing Association)  
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- EPC current rating C

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- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom, Cellar
- Garage
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- Lounge
- Kitchen/ Diner
- Bathroom & Garden
- UPVC DG & GCH
- EPC Current Rating D

£540pcm



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- Semi-Detached House
- Three bedrooms, Lounge
- Dining Kitchen
- Bathroom with bath
- Driveway, Garage
- EPC current rating C

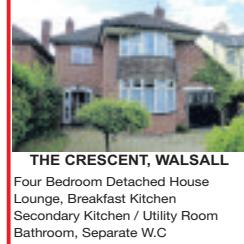
£625pcm



SMITHFIELD ROAD, WALSALL

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- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen & Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Garage & Garden
- EPC Current Rating C

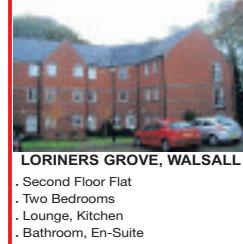
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THE CRESCENT, WALSALL

- Four Bedroom Detached House
- Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen
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- Bathroom, Separate W.C
- Driveway, Garage
- EPC current rating D

£700pcm



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## FORTHCOMING AUCTION

Thursday 5th December 2013

To be held at... Aston Villa Football Club from 11.00am

67 Lots to include:

Lot No.	Address	Lot No.	Address	Lot No.	Address
1	138 COLLIS STREET, STOURBRIDGE, WEST MIDLANDS DY8 4EE	32	102-122 HINLEY ROAD, STOURPORT-ON-SeVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE, DY13 6AJ	51	Freeloft Commercial Investment.....
2	23 ERNEST ROAD, DUDLEY WEST MIDLANDS DY2 2UJ	33	120-122 HINLEY ROAD, DUDLEY WEST MIDLANDS DY1 2QD	52	Freeloft Vacant Residential.....
3	23 ERNEST ROAD, DUDLEY WEST MIDLANDS DY2 2UJ	34	123-125 HINLEY ROAD, DUDLEY WEST MIDLANDS DY1 2QD	53	Freeloft Residential Investment.....
4	90 CLEMENTS ROAD, VARLEY, BIRMINGHAM B25 8TT	35	15 GLENDOWER AVENUE, COVENTRY CV5 8BG	54	Freeloft Vacant Residential.....
5	90 CLEMENTS ROAD, VARLEY, BIRMINGHAM B25 8TT	36	25 AVON ROAD, SMETHWICK, WEST MIDLANDS B65 8LH	55	Freeloft Residential Investment.....
6	45 HALESHORN ROAD, NETHERTON, DUDLEY, WEST MIDLANDS DY2 9QD	37	THE HORN, HORN, BIRMINGHAM B25 8JF	56	Freeloft Vacant Residential.....
7	45 HALESHORN ROAD, NETHERTON, DUDLEY, WEST MIDLANDS DY2 9QD	38	THE HORSE POLE HOTEL, MARKET SQUARE, BROMWICH, WIRRAL, CHeshire, CH17 4SP	57	Freeloft Commercial Investment.....
8	45 HALESHORN ROAD, NETHERTON, DUDLEY, WEST MIDLANDS DY2 9QD	39	FORMER WILLENHALL LOCKS, STORINGES LANE, WILLENHALL, WEST MIDLS DY13 1LF	58	Freeloft Residential Investment.....
9	45 HALESHORN ROAD, NETHERTON, DUDLEY, WEST MIDLANDS DY2 9QD	40	FORMER WILLENHALL LOCKS, STORINGES LANE, WILLENHALL, WEST MIDLS DY13 1LF	59	Freeloft Industrial.....
10	98 STAFFORD ROAD, HUNTINGTON, CANNOCK, STAFFORDSHIRE WS12 4NU	41	FORMER WILLENHALL LOCKS, HARDWARE, JOHN HARPER STREET, WILLENHALL, WIRRAL, CHeshire, CH17 4SP	60	Freeloft Industrial.....
11	LAND NORTH SIDE OF SPRINGVALE STREET, WILLENHALL, WEST MIDLANDS WY13 1EA	42	4 A FEW TREASURES CLOSE, AMINTON, TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE B77 3HS	61	Freeloft Industrial.....
12	15 JACOBY PLACE, PROBY ROAD, EGERTON, BIRMINGHAM B5 7UN	43	4 A FEW TREASURES CLOSE, AMINTON, TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE B77 3HS	62	Freeloft Industrial.....
13	THE LEOPARD, JERSEY LANE, BIRMINGHAM B2 5NY	44	4 A FEW TREASURES CLOSE, AMINTON, TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE B77 3HS	63	Freeloft Industrial.....
14	97 HINLEY ROAD, DUDLEY, WEST MIDLANDS DY2 2UJ	45	4 A FEW TREASURES CLOSE, AMINTON, TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE B77 3HS	64	Freeloft Industrial.....
15	116 FALCON STREET, BRIERLY HILL, WEST MIDLANDS DY5 3HD	46	4 A FEW TREASURES CLOSE, AMINTON, TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE B77 3EP	65	Freeloft Industrial.....
16	116 FALCON STREET, BRIERLY HILL, WEST MIDLANDS DY5 3HD	47	4 A FEW TORIES AVENUE, AMINTON, TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE B77 3EP	66	Freeloft Industrial.....
17	147-149 HORN AVENUE, BIRMINGHAM B15 8SH	48	4 A FEW TORIES AVENUE, AMINTON, TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE B77 3EP	67	Freeloft Industrial.....
18	157-159 HORN AVENUE, BIRMINGHAM B15 8SH	49	4 A FEW TORIES AVENUE, AMINTON, TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE B77 3EP	68	Freeloft Industrial.....
19	82 SHIRELEY ROAD, ACOKS GREEN, BIRMINGHAM B27 7NA	50	4911 BLACKMORE LANE, BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE B60 1AB	69	Freeloft Industrial.....
20	82 SHIRELEY ROAD, ACOKS GREEN, BIRMINGHAM B27 7NA	51	5011 BLACKMORE LANE, BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE B60 1AB	70	Freeloft Industrial.....
21	90 CARENS AVENUE, UPTON, WEST MIDLANDS DY4 8SY	52	512-534 HAGGS HILL, BARTLEY GREEN, BIRMINGHAM B32 3PB	71	Freeloft Industrial.....
22	75 HOLME ROAD, WALSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM B21 0LG	53	52, 56, 61-67, BRYN MORGLIS, ALTHEN, PONTYPOOL, Gwent, WALES, NP10 0JG	72	Freeloft Industrial.....
23	75 HOLME ROAD, WALSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM B21 0LG	54	52, 56, 61-67, BRYN MORGLIS, ALTHEN, PONTYPOOL, Gwent, WALES, NP10 0JG	73	Freeloft Industrial.....
24	7 EDGEMERE ROAD, HALL GREEN, BIRMINGHAM B28 8WY	55	52, 56, 61-67, BRYN MORGLIS, ALTHEN, PONTYPOOL, Gwent, WALES, NP10 0JG	74	Freeloft Industrial.....
25	210 COLONNAD ROAD, SMALL HEATH, BIRMINGHAM B10 0HY	56	55, 59, 61-67, BRYN MORGLIS, ALTHEN, PONTYPOOL, Gwent, WALES, NP10 0JG	75	Freeloft Industrial.....
26	210 COLONNAD ROAD, SMALL HEATH, BIRMINGHAM B10 0HY	57	55, 59, 61-67, BRYN MORGLIS, ALTHEN, PONTYPOOL, Gwent, WALES, NP10 0JG	76	Freeloft Industrial.....
27	1 BIRNLAY STREET, STOURPORT-ON-SeVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE DY13 8JA	58	74 WALKERS HEATH, BIRMINGHAM B38 0AW	77	Freeloft Industrial.....
28	69 DARTMOUTH ROAD, CANNOCK, STAFFORDSHIRE WS11 1HS	59	75-77 WALKERS HEATH, BIRMINGHAM B38 0AW	78	Freeloft Industrial.....
29	3 BIRNLAY STREET, STOURPORT-ON-SeVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE DY13 8JA	60	60-64 WARDLEY ROAD, SMALL HEATH, BIRMINGHAM B10 0ER	79	Freeloft Industrial.....
30	3 BIRNLAY STREET, STOURPORT-ON-SeVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE DY13 8JA	61	60-64 WARDLEY ROAD, SMALL HEATH, BIRMINGHAM B10 0ER	80	Freeloft Industrial.....
31	252 ABBEY STREET, DUDLEY, WIRRAL, CHeshire, CH14 4QL	62	61-67, BRYN MORGLIS, ALTHEN, PONTYPOOL, Gwent, WALES, NP10 0JG	81	Freeloft Industrial.....
		63	61-67, BRYN MORGLIS, ALTHEN, PONTYPOOL, Gwent, WALES, NP10 0JG	82	Freeloft Industrial.....
		64	61-67, BRYN MORGLIS, ALTHEN, PONTYPOOL, Gwent, WALES, NP10 0JG	83	Freeloft Industrial.....
		65	61-67, BRYN MORGLIS, ALTHEN, PONTYPOOL, Gwent, WALES, NP10 0JG	84	Freeloft Industrial.....
		66	61-67, BRYN MORGLIS, ALTHEN, PONTYPOOL, Gwent, WALES, NP10 0JG	85	Freeloft Industrial.....
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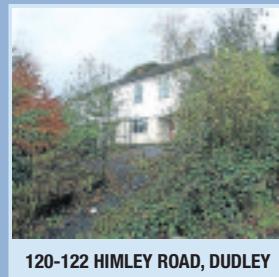
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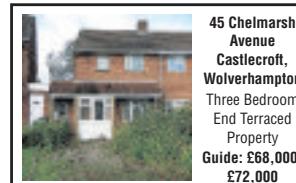
52a THOMPSON  
AVENUE,  
WOLVERHAMPTON  
Three Bedroom  
Semi Detached  
Property  
Guide: £95,000-  
£105,000



13 GREEN ROAD,  
DUDLEY  
3 Bedroom  
Semi Detached  
Property  
Guide: £54,000-  
£59,000



90 WHITEGATES  
ROAD, COSELEY  
First Floor,  
2 Bedroom  
Leasehold  
Apartment  
Guide: £38,000-  
£43,000



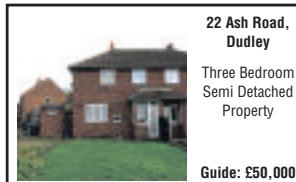
45 CHELMARSH  
AVENUE  
CASTLECROFT,  
WOLVERHAMPTON  
Three Bedroom  
End Terraced  
Property  
Guide: £68,000-  
£72,000



284 TAT BANK  
ROAD, OLDBURY ,  
WEST MIDLANDS  
Three Bedroom  
Mid Terraced  
Property  
Guide: £48,000-  
£54,000



31 NORTON  
CRESCENT, BILSTON,  
WOLVERHAMPTON  
Three Bedroom  
End Terraced  
Property  
Guide: £39,000-  
£44,000



22 ASH ROAD,  
DUDLEY  
Three Bedroom  
Semi Detached  
Property  
Guide: £50,000



324 DEANS  
ROAD, WOLVERHAMPTON  
Three Bedroom  
Semi Detached  
Property  
Guide: £39,000-  
£44,000



41 BRYNMAWR  
ROAD, LANESFIELD,  
WOLVERHAMPTON  
Three Bedroom  
Semi Detached  
Property  
Guide: £49,000-  
£54,000



106 OSPREY  
DRIVE, RUSELLEY  
HALL, DUDLEY  
Three Bed  
Semi Detached  
Property  
Guide: £54,000-  
£59,000



31 WALLACE  
ROAD, BILSTON,  
WOLVERHAMPTON  
Three bedroom  
Semi Detached  
Property  
Guide: £44,000-  
£49,000



HARDON ROAD,  
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Property  
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ALBION STREET,  
BRIERLEY HILL  
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Investment  
Property  
with Vacant  
Residential Flat above  
Current Gross  
Income: £4,800 pa  
Guide: £68,000-  
£73,000



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- Large Open Plan Living Area
- Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage & Parking
- Utility Room

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BLOXWICH

- Four Bedroom Detached
- Three Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Utility Room
- En-Suite Shower Room
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

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Field road  
BLOXWICH

- Four Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Fully Re-Furbished
- Two Reception Rooms
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Utility Room/WC
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Garages & Workshop

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Lichfield Road  
WALSALL

- Extended Five Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Through Lounge/ Dining Room
- Garage & Driveway
- Ground Floor Shower Room
- Conservatory
- Extended Kitchen
- Front & Rear Gardens

In the Region of £189,950



Woodall Street  
BLOXWICH

- 5% Deposit Paid
- Four Bedroom Detached
- Through Lounge/ Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Garage & Driveway
- Shower Room
- Conservatory
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Fitted Kitchen
- Gardens

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Allens Lane  
PELSELL

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Downstairs W.C.
- Through Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory
- Large Extended Fitted Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Driveway with Off Road Parking

In the Region of £185,000



Canning Road  
WALSALL

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen/Dining Room
- Family Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Double Glazing
- Driveway

In the Region of £175,000



Wolverhampton Road  
BLOXWICH

- Four Bedroom Detached
- Large Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Dining Room
- Rear Lobby/Utility
- Family Bathroom with Walk-In Shower
- Detached Garage
- Double Glazing
- Driveway

Offers in excess of £155,000



Ravenscroft Road  
WILLENHALL

- Extended Five/Six Bedroom End-Terrace
- Lounge
- Sitting/Dining Room
- Extended Breakfast Kitchen
- Master Bedroom with Walk-In Wardrobe
- Family Bathroom
- Driveway
- Large Corner Plot
- Garage with Off Road Parking

In the Region of £149,950



Newhome Way  
BLOXWICH

- Four Bedroom Town House
- Lounge
- Conservatory
- Extended Kitchen
- Master Bedroom with Walk-In Wardrobe
- En-Suite Bathroom
- Family Bathroom
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Conservatory
- Extended Kitchen
- Front & Rear Gardens

In the Region of £145,000



Coppice Farm Way  
WILLENHALL

- Extended Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Shower Room
- Conservatory
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Fitted Kitchen

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Torridon Road  
WILLENHALL

- Two Bedroom Bungalow
- Shower Room
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Lounge with Patio
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Wet Room with Shower
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

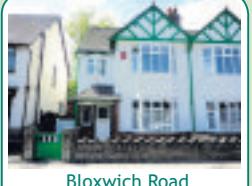
In the Region of £115,000



Ludgate Court, Camborne Road  
WALSALL

- Two Bedroom Second Floor Apartment
- Shower Room
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Lounge
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Kitchen/Diner
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Newly Fitted Family

In the Region £112,500



Bloxwich Road  
WALSALL

- Three Bedroom Detached Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Double Glazing
- Driveway
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Double Glazing
- Driveway

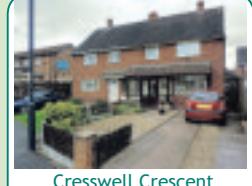
Offers in excess of £110,000



Coalpool Lane  
WALSALL

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Kitchen & Veranda
- Double Glazing
- Family Bathroom
- Double Glazing

In the Region of £108,500



Cresswell Crescent  
BLOXWICH

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Conservatory
- Extended Lounge/ Diner
- Double Glazing

In the Region of £99,950



Queen Elizabeth Avenue  
WALSALL

- Three Bedroom Duplex Flat
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating

In the Region of £98,500



Wolverhampton Road  
WALSALL

- Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing

In the Region of £90,000



Star Close  
WALSALL

- Three Bedroom End-Terrace
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Lounge
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Kitchen/Diner
- Double Glazing

Offers in excess of £90,000



Taverners Close  
WILLENHALL

- One Bedroom House
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Lounge
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing

In the Region of £87,950



Margam Crescent  
BLOXWICH

- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Double Glazing
- Kitchen/Diner
- Double Glazing

Offers in excess of £85,000



Haley Street  
WALSALL

- Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Lounge
- Double Glazing
- Kitchen/Diner
- Double Glazing

In the Region of £80,000



Jenner Road  
WALSALL

- Three Bedroom Terraced House
- Front Reception Room
- Kitchen
- Rear Reception Room
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating

Offers in excess of £77,500



Webster Road  
WALSALL

- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Kitchen/Diner
- Large Family Bathroom
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Gas Heating
- Double Glazing

In the Region of £75,000



Elmsdale Court, Birmingham  
WALSALL

- Two Bedroom First Floor Flat
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Kitchen/Diner
- Double Glazing

£69,950



Livingstone Road  
BLOXWICH

- Two Bedroom Third Floor Flat
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Kitchen/Diner
- Double Glazing

In the Region of £64,950



Essington Road  
WILLENHALL

- One Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Kitchen/Diner
- Double Glazing

Offers in excess of £60,000



Davies House, Wolverhampton  
BLOXWICH

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- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Kitchen/Diner
- Double Glazing

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## PROPERTY AUCTION 3rd DECEMBER 2013



### 49 LICHFIELD ROAD, WEDNESFIELD

Well located Shop Unit and Living Accommodation. Main Shop, Staff Room, W.C. Self-contained First Floor Three Bed Flat, Spacious recently fitted Kitchen and Bathroom, Balcony, Garage. EPC: Shop E, Flat G

**VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 22nd & 23rd NOVEMBER @ 9.30 a.m.**

**Guide: £118,000 / £123,000**



### ADDERLEY LODGE, 220 PENN ROAD, WOLVERHAMPTON

An impressive double fronted detached Victorian Residence offering spacious Accommodation, fine Hall, W.C., Three Reception, large Kitchen, Utility, Pantry Sun Lounge, Cellar, Four Bedrooms, Two Bath/ Shower, Double Garage, large Work Shop, lovely grounds. EPC: TBA

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**Guide: £290,000 / £ 310,000**



### 3 BEECHWOOD DRIVE, WIGHTWICK

Cul-de-sac position within prime residential location - a well proportioned Bungalow - would now benefit from upgrade - Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Study, Utility facility off, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, generous Loft space, Garage, lovely Rear Garden. EPC: TBA

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**Guide: £175,000 / £185,000**



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**VIEWING: FRIDAY, MONDAY & TUESDAY, 22nd, 25th & 26th NOVEMBER @ 9.45 a.m.**

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### 180 WOLVERHAMPTON STREET, BILSTON

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**VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 22nd & 23rd NOVEMBER @ 9.45 a.m.**

**Guide: £80,000 / £95,000**



### 6 WHARF STREET, HORSELEY FIELDS, WOLVERHAMPTON

A large Semi, Foregarden, off-road Parking, Large Hall, W.C., Lounge, big Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas C.H. EPC: TBA

**VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 22nd & 23rd NOVEMBER @ 10.45 a.m.**

**Guide: £78,000 / £83,000**



### 11 PEAR TREE LANE, WEDNESFIELD

Conveniently located and accessible to shops and schools - a Detached House offering Porch, Hall, Through Lounge / Diner, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, 70ft. Rear Garden. EPC: TBA

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### 44 GROSVENOR STREET, WOLVERHAMPTON

A partially improved Semi, Three smart Bedrooms, excellent Loft space, New Bathroom and Kitchen, Lounge and extended Dining Room, Garage, Store, Rear Garden. EPC: TBA

**VIEWING: FRIDAY 22nd NOVEMBER @ 11.45 a.m. & SATURDAY 23rd NOVEMBER @ 1.30 p.m.**

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### 298 NEWHAMPTON ROAD WEST, WOLVERHAMPTON

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### 14 CLAYTON CLOSE, BLAKENHALL, WOLVERHAMPTON

Convenient cul-de-sac location, UPVC & CH., Foregarden Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility area, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, long Rear Garden. EPC: TBA

**VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 22nd & 23rd NOVEMBER @ 12.45 p.m.**

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### 25 MILFORD ROAD, BLAKENHALL, WOLVERHAMPTON

Investment - Currently producing £5,400 p.a. Large Semi in good location, Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Laundry, Three Bedrooms, white Bathroom, long Garden. EPC: F

**VIEWING: THURSDAY 21st & THURSDAY 28th NOVEMBER @ 2.00 p.m.**

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# Motoring



The Seat Ibiza delivers improved cost-efficiency, more hi-tech gadgets and style



For the fourth generation main tweaks have been around the headlights and grille

## Ibiza rocks! Supermini fine-tuned to perfection

By Paul Naylor

THE revised version of SEAT's fourth generation Ibiza supermini offers small car buyers a smarter set of more eco-conscious hi-tech talents.

It'll need them if it's to distance itself from its Volkswagen and Skoda design stablemates and continue as a credible alternative in this tightly fought segment.

'Enyoengineering' – it's a rather apt description of what Spanish maker SEAT sets out to create when it brings us a new car. Something beautifully engineered: but with a bit of extra Latin sparkle. Something like this, the Iberian brand's much improved fourth generation Ibiza supermini.

The 'Sociedad Espanola de Automoviles de Turismo' or SEAT as we better know it is well used to injecting a little life into its cars.

Only when Volkswagen took control of the brand in 1986 though, did its appeal start to spread to the rest of Europe, with the Ibiza supermini the sales spearhead and this MK4 model, launched in 2008, generally acknowledged as the company's most competitive proposition yet.

A few years on though and with toughening small car competition, it was clear that a bit of a re-think might be needed to keep this car current.

Perhaps a sharper look, a bit of extra running cost efficiency and an added touch of hi-tech would do the trick? All were duly delivered by this improved model, launched in the Spring of 2012. Let's check it out.

Go for a model with more than 100bhp and it'll also come with a clever XDS electronic differential lock which will help you get the power down more quickly out of tight corners, dialing out understeer and firing you from bend to bend.

All TSI petrol models get this treatment, these including my favourite variant, the 105PS 1.2-litre unit which makes 60 in 9.8 seconds on the way to nearly 120mph, yet still returns a highly impressive set of running cost figures.

You can order it with a super-smooth DSG automatic gearbox – but you don't have to.

Annoyingly, that's not the case if you go for the pokier 150 or 180PS supercharged and turbocharged 1.4TSI engine found in the sporty but strangely auto-only FR and Cupra hot hatch models.

Other pokey XDS-equipped Ibizas include the 105PS 1.6-litre diesel and my pick as the sportiest car in the range, the desirable 143PS 2.0 TDI FR model which makes 60 in just 8.2s on the way to 130mph.

### Performance

That's the fast stuff dealt with, but here I've chosen a more realistic Ibiza variant to drive, the 12v 70PS 1.2-litre petrol model.

Though I've tried for a sportier feel by specifying the three-door SC bodystyle, the performance figures are sober-suited, sixty from rest occupying around 14 seconds on the way to a maximum of only just over 100mph.

Virtually the same performance return you'd get from the frugal 75PS 1.2-litre TDI diesel. Both engines are a better bet than the aging 85PS 16v 1.4-litre petrol unit.

Whatever Ibiza you choose, five-door hatch, ST estate or the sportier three-door SC, it won't at first glance appear to have changed very much over the original versions of this MK4 model. The key tweaks have been made around the headlights and grille, this Ibiza wearing the 'eagle eye' lamps that are now part of the SEAT corporate look.

In the back, the three-door Ibiza SC's roofline will make headroom an issue for taller folk, but five-door and ST estate models should seat two adults and/or three children quite comfortably. There's a 284-litre boot here, a total that rises to 292-litres in the five-door and 450-litres in the ST estate.

Expect to pay somewhere in the £10,000 to £17,000 bracket for this Ibiza, pricing that's pretty much par for the course in the supermini segment.

All models get what today's supermini buyers would see as the usual front electric windows, tinted glass, a four-speaker MP3-compatible CD stereo with AUX-in point and steering wheel controls, remote central locking, a 12v power socket and a height-adjustable driver's seat.

Safety-wise, there are the usual twin front and side airbags, plus anti-lock brakes that flash the brake lights to warn following motorists if you're making an emergency stop.

Running cost-wise, the prime pick is undoubtedly the 1.2-litre diesel TDI engine with its clean Diesel Particulate Filter, offered both in standard form and, for a premium of around £5,000, in green-conscious Economite guise.

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## Honours even after Owen hits an opener

Walsall Phoenix FC 1  
AFC Somers 1

IN a fascinating and keenly contested encounter, honours were shared as both midfields cancelled out each other for most of the match.

Phoenix's Joey Owen, a double scorer in his previous home outing, scored within four minutes after cutting in at pace from the right hand side and striking the ball low from outside the 18-yard box to the left hand post to put the home side in front.

Somers reacted positively to the early set back surging forward but Phoenix maintained their composure until the first period of the second-half when an innocuous shot was hit by a Walsall arm.

Daniel Cox converted the resulting penalty.

The match was heading towards stalemate and a headed Phoenix corner was desperately scrambled off the line.

Further drama unfolded when their front man Chris Webber had to leave the field with a hamstring pull while Dave Cotterill was unfortunate to receive a straight red for dissent.

Captain Paul Baxter then made a fine parrying save to ensure the home side shared the points.

## Freemans star with six goals

Lichfield & District Football League Premier

Erdington Star 2 Freemans FC 6; Pelsall Villa 2 Aldridge Town 2

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Burnwood Star 1 Bird in Hand 2; Riverway A 4 Trident FC 1 (aet & pen); Trent Valley Rovers 1 Valiant Trogs 6.

## Walsall grab their first win

Lichfield U-16s 10  
Walsall U-16s 17

WALSALL'S first win of the season showed they had the tenacity to recover from conceding an early score. This was a superb performance from Walsall's U-16s, who played without substitutes.

Lichfield U-14s 22  
Walsall U-14s 31

The visitors were slow to start and Lichfield took advantage of this to forge into an early lead through an unconverted try. Walsall's solo effort from Nico Watkins.

Walsall U-13s 0

B-ham Solihull U-13s 47

The scoreline was not a true reflection on the game, as Walsall produced a very committed performance.

# Karate teenager Chloe's star is rising



Chloe Machin, aged 15, who won a karate bronze medal at her first European Championships

WILLENHALL teenager Chloe Machin is targeting World Championship karate glory after claiming a bronze medal at her first European Championships.

The 15-year-old finished third in the 14-15-year-olds' category at the European Wadokai Karate Championships in Portugal just two years after taking up the sport.

She beat contenders from 13 countries to a place on the podium to confirm her status as one of Britain's rising stars and raise hopes of success at the World Championships in Japan next year.

The Pool Hayes Arts and Community School pupil only took up karate two

## Martial Arts

years ago but has risen swiftly through the ranks, winning regional competitions and catching the eye of England selectors.

She now travels regularly to Leicester for training sessions with the England squad.

Proud mother Jackie said: "Chloe would train all the time if she could but in spite of her success at the European Championships she was disappointed because she wanted to get to the final."

"Now it's over and, having talked to the England selectors, she realises just what an achievement it was to have

returned with a bronze medal from the European Championships."

As well as competing in the World Championships, Chloe has also set her sights on completing her black belt in Japan.

Pool Hayes headteacher Jim Clarke, said: "It is a real honour to have a pupil in school who has represented her country at a European Championship."

"She is a brilliant role model for the other pupils and everyone at school wishes her well in her bid to get to the World Championships."

Anyone interested in sponsoring Chloe can contact her through her school on 01902 368147 or via email at jim.clarke@poolhayesarts.com.

## Mansell is edged out against an old rival

TWO Great Wyrley boxers were back in action in Birmingham in what's become familiar territory for them.

Sixteen-year-old Jamie Mansell met Necholes Green ABC boxer Ryan Whelan for the third time at a featherweight.

These pair could fight everyday of the week and it would always be a close bout.

The third meeting between them was no exception as Whelan gained his first win over Mansell via a wafer-thin majority decision.

Under orders to box from distance, the tall, rangy Mansell got dragged into a dog fight from the first bell as Whelan attacked from the off and both lads swapped close range hooks.

The second round, and it looked for a while as if Mansell was going to swamp Whelan with his superior fitness, pushing the Birmingham lad back around the ring and making it all to play for in the last.

The two went head-to-head in the last but Whelan got the majority.

Another return from the Great Wyrley show saw Wyrley's Reece Roberts and Necholes Green boxer Chris McLoughlin square off for the second time in a week with Roberts taking a unanimous points decision.

## Duggan's debut does it for Pics

Stockbridge Park Steels 1  
Rushall Olympic 2

A DEBUTANT goal from central defender, Jack Duggan, gave Rushall Olympic a hard-earned victory.

But the Pics ended the game with 10 men, when substitute Mitchell Tolley was sent off, just three minutes after coming on, and moments later manager Neil Kitching also received his marching orders.

The visitors made a dream start when they were ahead in the first minute.

Dele Adeboela took the ball up for Josh Craddock to drive home from 25 yards.

The Pics bossed the opening 15 minutes and the home side had to wait until the 18th minute to force their first corner. They drew level through Chris Ovington.

Eleven minutes into the second half the Pics should have gone back in front when Kristian Ramsey-Dickson combined well with Stan Mugisha but shot wide.

Tom Eckersley replaced Craddock on the hour and they went ahead on 74 minutes through Duggan's fantastic header from a corner.

## Squad is hit by poor form

Bloxwich 0 Ludlow 4

BLOXWICH Mens First XI's poor run of form continued into the middle of November as they fell to a heavy defeat against a youthful and strong Ludlow team.

They admittedly did not turn up for the game and put in a poor display that left the whole team disheartened by the full-time whistle.

Bloxwich need to forget about this poor run of defeats and get back to playing hockey like they know they can.

They are desperate for a win and will be doing everything to make sure that elusive win comes against Leamington this Saturday.

# Wood stumped in cup as Tulips bloom to win

FA Vase Round 2  
Walsall Wood 0 Spalding United 3

## WOOD went out of this season's competition at their first hurdle, losing to third favourites Spalding United.

It took the Tulips just 15 minutes to go ahead and with them only conceding two goals in 14 league games this season Wood had a mountain to climb.

After only a minute Mark Jones collected the ball wide right, cut inside and his low drive brought a full length save from Raanan Gill.

On three minutes he collected the ball from left wing throw, went through two tackles and curled a drive just wide of the far post.

It was almost constant Tulips pressure and after 15 minutes a left wing free kick was hit to the far post, Nathan Stainsfield's header deflected over the bar.

From the corner Gill was challenged in the air by Jones and could not hold the ball, which was hit back across goal for Danny Hussey to tap in at the far post from a yard out.

On 21 minutes Andy Tidwell powered in from wide right and played the ball across the face of the box, Dan Steadman hit a first time effort wide. A minute later Jones crossed from wide right for Stainsfield to plant a header wide.

On 23 minutes Steven Hayes got clear wide left and although his cross was slightly behind Joey Butlin, he still managed to get in a header that keeper Michael Duggan saved easily.

Back came the Tulips with Adam Jackson on 25 minutes hitting a lovely diagonal ball to find Jones on the right of the box, Shawn Boothe saving Wood and a superbly timed tackle.

On 33 minutes a misplaced pass in the centre circle went straight to Steadman, he raced through the

## Football

middle before playing a lovely weighted ball into the path of Tidwell who ran on and fired into the far corner to make it 0-2.

A minute later a neat move down the Wood left saw Lewis Taylor Boyce find Harry Harris on the edge of the box, only for him to be brought down. Butlin fired the free kick into the top left hand corner but Duggan flew across goal to push the ball round the post.

On 38 minutes Taylor Boyce worked his way inside from wide right and his measured reverse ball set up Ahmed Bilgimer to fire just over the far angle.

Right on time a right wing free kick to the near post was headed across goal by Anthony Juxon and Lee Stretton acrobatically put a over the far angle.

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## Pitmen power through into the FA Trophy



Hednesford forward Neil Harvey loses his marker in the penalty area during the qualifying match

Hednesford Town 3  
Workington AFC 0

HEDNESFORD comfortably negotiated their passage into the first round proper of the FA Trophy as Rob Smith's men shook off their FA Cup disappointment, writes Chris Brewerton.

Seven days previously, the Pitmen underlined their reputation as proud ambassadors for non-league football with a brave, but unsuccessful battle with League One Crawley Town.

But in the FA Trophy third qualifying round, the Keys Park outfit barely had to move out of second gear

against a Workington side, who, had they finished with as much skill as their hosts, could have made the game a lot less comfortable.

Elliott Durrell tested Joel Dixon twice in the opening five minutes with a teasing cross and then a shot hit straight at the goalkeeper.

After the away side wasted a good chance the Pitmen heeded the warning but, with a somewhat flat atmosphere inside Keys Park, only raised themselves on 27 minutes when Wayne Riley smartly controlled a long ball and finished confidently in-off the post to open the scoring.

It seemed to spring Hednesford

into life and within three minutes they doubled their advantage when Durrell found space on the right and sent in a superb cross to which Francine Francis got the slightest touch to divert the ball into the far corner.

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Wood lived dangerously for almost an hour but the goal changed everything. Then the second goal was an absolute killer, but to their credit they kept going only to concede another goal as they tried for at least a consolation.

No complaints though, Vale were well worth the victory as they progressed to the next round and a tie against Stafford Rangers.

Walsall Wood: M. Wiggins, L. Taylor Boyce, S. Hayes, S. Boothe, L. Stretton (c), A. Juxon, A. Gonzales, S. Cooper, M. Black, S. Alalade, D. Carns, R. Gill, Port Vale: S. Johnson, C. Alexander, B. Jefford, D. Price (c), L. Tambini, R. Lloyd, J. Hugill, G. Tomlin, R. Taylor, R. Boot, G. Swaby, D. Dell, N. Smith, L. Wright, J. Davis, G. O'Neill.

# Plenty of effort but fluke goal is a killer

Staffs Senior Cup.

Walsall Wood 0 Port Vale 3

WOOD went out of this year's competition losing 3-0 to a slick and composed Port Vale.

The home side had been under almost continuous first half pressure but went in at half time all square.

They were finally ripped apart on 56 minutes, when Gary O'Neill made space on the right and his measured diagonal ball into the right of the box was collected at pace by Jordan Hugill, who hit a low drive past the advancing Woods keeper Mark Wiggins.

Wood almost equalised two minutes later, Harry Harris played the ball in low from a free kick on the right of the box and Ahmed Bilgimer's low drive brought a full-length save.

Back came Wood, Bilgimer powering into the left of the box, he was half stopped, won the ball back but keeper Johnson saved bravely

trying to hit Wood on the break and it nearly paid dividends in the 60th and 63rd minutes, first it was Rob Taylor Boyce a first time effort inches wide and then Hugill raced into the box only to be robbed by a superb tackle from Andre Gonzales.

On 65 minutes Joey Butlin was fouled on the right of the visitors box, Harris delivered the ball to the far post for Anthony Juxon to power a header across goal and just wide of the far post.

Three minutes later from another counter attack, Taylor raced away wide left, his cross met perfectly by the head of Gavin Tomlin but Wiggins made a great full-length save.

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Pics' cup run goes on thanks to boss

New Mills 2

Rushall Olympic 4

A MUCH-CHANGED Rushall Olympic side, which included three youngsters from the club's Under-18s squad, won through to the second round of the Doodson Cup.

The win sets up a Second Round away tie at Barwell which is scheduled for Tuesday December 3.

The Pics line up included the Management trio of Neil Kitching, Nick Amos and Gary Fitzpatrick and it was the visitors who were the quickest out of the blocks when Stan Mugisha rounded off a 13th minute move.

Twelve minutes later the home side were on level terms when the unmarked Melford Knight headed past Chris Gemmell.

Then 10 minutes before the break New Mills went in front when a misplaced header left Daniel Hewitt free to slot the ball in.

It took the Pics just two minutes of the second half to draw level and it was the manager, who beat the offside trap and scored.

Five minutes later he headed home a ball from Wayne Daniel.

Shortly afterwards he was substituted and the visitors introduced all three of the young subs. Among them was Christian Brisband who had a hand in the fourth goal passing to Judd Ellis.

**Sawyers and Lal on the up**

DELIGHTED Dean Smith tipped Milan Lalkovic and Romaine Sawyers to keep improving after they fired Walsall to a win over Peterborough on national TV.

The forward duo both hit the target as the Saddlers sounded warning of their own League One promotion credentials with a dominant display against the third-placed visitors in front of the Sky Sports cameras at the Banks's.

Smith believes 20-year-old Lalkovic's resurgence is down to renewed confidence and believes both he and 22-year-old Sawyers will only get better.

"I think Milan has a bit more confidence from the first part of the season," said Smith. "As I've said numerous times before, it's his first taste of League One football, the same with Romaine."

"The two of them, among others, are learning the game very quickly."

## Wolves second best but still go top of league

### Notts County 0 Wolves 1

NOT for the first time this season, Kenny Jackett's side were second best, for almost an hour at Meadow Lane.

But they did enough and got the win, and in doing so, climbed to the top of League One for the first time this year.

With 30 games to go, there are going to be plenty of twists and turns ahead.

But the way things are going, they have a good chance of staying there.

Now you can argue that with by far the biggest budget at this level which has enabled them to keep their top players and given Jackett the chance to rebuild the

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squad with five signings, that's where they should be. On Saturday, Wolves' back line earned their ninth clean sheet of the season and it was achieved without keeper Carl Ikeme having to make a save.

That was down to some woeful finishing but also some stout and resilient defending from a back four shorn of captain Sam Rickerts for the first time in the league this season and Matt Doherty, both on international duty.

But cometh the hour, cometh the man and no one stood up to the challenge more than

Richard Stearman. The stopper has had his share of detractors in his five-and-a-half years at Molineux and would probably have been heading out of the door if Ipswich could have afforded the £1m asking price in the summer. But he has stayed and his growing presence reached its zenith on Saturday with a man-of-the-match performance.

Whenever County got into Wolves' box and threatened, it was generally Stearman who was there with a stray boot or throwing his head in to repel the danger.

In an unconvincing first-half display Jake Cassidy came closest, his shot in the 27th minute swerving at the last moment to force

Polish keeper Bartosz Bialkowski into a diving save. James Henry had him palming away a shot while Bakary Sako should have done better with a right-footed effort.

The half-time arrival of Leigh Griffiths for David Davis, the 10-goal top scorer strangely left on the bench for the first 45 minutes, lifted Wolves.

They were gradually building a head of steam and, after Cassidy rolled his shot straight at Bialkowski, the breakthrough came via the unlikely figure of Ethan Ebanks-Landell. The lanky 20-year-old, who was making his first league start for Wolves, drove home a low left-foot shot.

Arresting match is all square

### Walsall XV 30

### West Midlands Police 30

WALSALL'S team was cap-

tained by Ian Bradshaw.

Ian, and, centre, Harvey Wootton, were first team regulars that played the full game to prove their match fitness after recent injuries.

The Police team led 13-20 at the interval.

Former Walsall regular Richard Marsh, helped to create two of their tries with some incisive runs.

While for the home team, young flanker Connor McGuirk crossed early on and then fly half Mitch Carless kicked a penalty.

The team's final score of the half came from Wootton.

The hosts drew level after 10 minutes of the second half after Connor Pitt made a neat break before giving a well-timed pass to Tony Lay who found McGuirk in support. He finished off with Carless adding the conversion. He then put over a penalty to give his team the advantage.

But the Police scored again to establish a 25-23 lead.

Walsall then struck back through Jordan Lay.

The conversion made it 30-25, but with the last play of the game, the Police scored near the corner flag.

**Romaine played to TV audience**

GOAL hero Romaine Sawyers has admitted the presence of the TV cameras helped inspire Walsall's win over Peterborough.

Monday's emphatic 2-0 win at the Banks's was broadcast live on Sky Sports and Sawyers, who scored his fifth goal of the season, said players didn't want to miss the chance to strut their stuff for a national audience.

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# SADDLERS PUT ON MEMORABLE SHOW

### Walsall 2 Peterborough 0

**DEAN SMITH'S side couldn't have picked a better moment to showcase the latest in a string of scintillating displays.**

In front of the Sky Sports cameras, they simply dismantled third-placed Posh and served further notice of their own promotion credentials.

The goals – excellent ones too – came courtesy of the rejuvenated Milan Lalkovic and classy Romaine Sawyers but there could and should have been more.

Craig Westcarr, Andy Butler and Sawyers had all gone close before substitute Ashley Hemmings saw his late penalty saved by Bobby Olejnik.

Peterborough had arrived looking to close the gap on leaders Wolves and Orient but left with boss Darren Ferguson hailing the hosts and admitting his own team needs some serious work.

### Frustation

Shaun Brisley's sending-off for two yellow cards with the game already lost was mainly down to the frustration of the visiting players at the hosts' dominance.

His second card, most notably, came from a weary hack at the irrepressible Lalkovic – who continued where he left off from his excellent display against Shrewsbury with another fine performance – this time capped off with his first goal since the season opened.

Big question marks hung over the Chelsea loanee just a fortnight ago but he now looks a man transformed and another potential



Romaine Sawyers celebrates after putting the seal on Monday night's impressive 2-0 win over Peterborough



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